

**CITY OF CORVALLIS
COUNCIL ACTION MINUTES
July 19, 2021**

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Acronyms:

FIO For Information Only

U Unanimous

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

PRESENT VIA VIDEO

CONFERENCE: Mayor Traber; Councilors Napack, Maughan, Lytle, Shepherd, Ellis, Chaplen, Shaffer and Struthers

The Council met in executive session virtually under ORS 192.660(2)(d)(status of labor negotiations) from 5:00 pm to 5:45 pm. Mayor Traber said representatives of the news media and designated staff and other designated persons were allowed to attend the executive session. Representatives of the news media were specifically directed not to report on any of the deliberations during the executive session, except to state the general subject of the session as previously announced. No final decision was made in the executive session. Mayor Traber reminded Councilors and staff that the confidences in the executive session belonged to the Council as a body, and not to the individual members. The confidences could only be disclosed if the Council as body approved such a disclosure. He invited Councilors and staff who did not believe that they could maintain the confidences to not participate in the executive session. Gazette-Times reporter Jim Day was present.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Via video conference, Mayor Traber called the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Corvallis, Oregon to order at 6:00 pm on July 19, 2021. The Council Chambers in the Downtown Fire Station, 400 NW Harrison Boulevard, Corvallis, Oregon was closed to the public. The meeting was available for the public to observe live via the internet. The public was encouraged to provide written comments on agenda items. Community comment slots were available for those who registered by the deadline prescribed in the agenda.

II. ROLL CALL

PRESENT VIA VIDEO

CONFERENCE: Mayor Traber; Councilors Napack, Maughan, Lytle, Shepherd, Ellis, Chaplen, Shaffer, and Struthers

III. PROCLAMATION/PRESENTATIONS

A. Presentation: Introduction of Benton County Sheriff Van Arsdall

Jeff Van Arsdall said he was appointed as Sheriff of the Benton County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) in March 2021. He worked at the Corvallis Police Department for nearly 20 years, achieving the rank of Patrol lieutenant. He encouraged Councilors to reach out to him. In response to Councilors' inquiries, he provided the following information:

The County continues to follow Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and Oregon Health Authority (OHA) guidelines with regard to jail capacity. There are currently 25 people being held in the jail; the current maximum capacity is 35. The County is also renting jail beds in Polk County where ten people are being held, and at the Northern Oregon Corrections facility (NORCOR), where 13 people are being held.

Sheriff Van Arsdall has a close working relationship with Corvallis Police Chief Hurley and both are happy to work together on issues of mutual interest.

One of the County's Community Livability 2040 goals is reviewing the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) to see if it would be a good fit for the BCSO. The County is currently accredited through Oregon Accreditation Alliance.

Mayor Traber and Councilors welcomed Sheriff Van Arsdall and appreciated his willingness to work with Corvallis Police.

IV. COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Mayor Traber noted that comments were welcome on any topic except open land use matters, which includes the Marys Annexation Development Agreement. He would rule testimony about such matters out of order.

Rev. Jennifer Butler, Senior Minister with the First United Church of Christ, supported the tabled motion Councilor Maughan made at the July 6 Council meeting, which was to rescind the Council's previous motion to resume posting and cleaning of camps, until City and/or County staff can present to Council options for a designated campsite or sites. She described a recent camp clearing and her conversations with those who were affected.

Tim Roach also supported Councilor Maughan's motion and urged the Council to stop clearing homeless camps.

Jennifer Moreland, Executive Director of the Downtown Corvallis Association, spoke about support for the Business Right-of-Way program. The program was developed during the pandemic to provide a safe outdoor dining environment Downtown and near campus along Monroe Avenue by providing restaurants with additional space for patrons. The program has been very popular with community members and has saved several restaurants from permanent closure. It has also resulted in increased patronage at retail stores. She advocated for continuing the program in the future. Councilor Maughan looked forward to the Council's review of the matter in September.

Jaqui Eicher said she recently worked through the Street Outreach Team to provide food to campers who were being removed from the BMX Track area. She described the camp clearing and efforts to help those who were being displaced. She supported Councilor Maughan's motion. Councilor Chaplen said spots were open in the Men's Shelter and she asked Ms. Eicher if she was sending people there. Ms. Eicher said she did not know there were openings and her understanding was that 115 people were on a shelter waiting list.

Tali Ilkovitch spoke from prepared testimony advocating for reallocating tax dollars away from police and toward accessible community resources that facilitate safe and affordable housing for everyone (Attachment A). In response to Councilor Napack's inquiry, Ms. Ilkovitch said she was not willing to speak to the Police Department's Community Outreach team because she does not trust law enforcement.

Ken Pate said he was on the Board of the West Hills Neighborhood Association (WNHA); however, he was only representing himself at tonight's meeting. He expressed concerns about the annexation process. Due to a change in State law, annexations are no longer sent to a vote of the people; the City Council is now the decision maker. To him, the most significant problem is that there is little opportunity for community involvement. He was concerned that annexation agreements are negotiated behind closed doors and he said the public should be much more involved. He said there was a short turn-around time for the Council packet and he was uncertain Councilors had read the

testimony. He advocated for a new system with an Area Plan that is not expired. In response to a statement he made that Councilors were prohibited from having ex parte contact with constituents, Councilor Lytle clarified that ex parte contact is not restricted. Rather, Councilors must declare it for the record.

Blair Girard, WHNA President, appreciated the Council's adoption of the IAP2 model for public involvement. She was concerned there was not enough public engagement and that information was being restricted, thus limiting public participation. She wanted a new and easier annexation process that would better serve the public. She said housing is expensive, there is a housing shortage in Corvallis, and the City needs to increase its inventory through a well-organized plan. She favored an orderly planning process through Area Plans that maximize public involvement.

Ralph Alig spoke from prepared testimony expressing concerns about the process for providing public input on annexations (Attachment B).

John Stepanek spoke from prepared testimony describing his disappointment in the City's treatment of unhoused people in Corvallis (Attachment C).

Teresa Bodwell signed up to speak, but she was not present at the meeting.

Staff received comments from multiple community members concerning homelessness, illegal camping, and transportation (Attachment D).

V. CONSENT AGENDA

Councilors Ellis and Chaplen, respectively, moved and seconded to adopt the Consent Agenda as follows.

- A. Reading of Minutes
 - 1. City Council Meeting – July 6, 2021
 - 2. For Information and Filing (Draft minutes may return if changes are made by the Board or Commission)
 - a. Historic Resources Commission – June 16, 2021
- B. Announcement of appointments to advisory bodies and Councilor Liaison appointment to Visit Corvallis
- C. Acceptance of an Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments Economic Resiliency and Recovery grant for \$4,270 and adoption of resolution to appropriate the funds

The motion passed unanimously.

VI. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA – None

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Marys Annexation Development Agreement Deliberations (ANN17-00001/ZDC17-00002)

Mayor Traber said the record for the case reflects all of the public testimony that has been submitted. The material referred to as having been added to the packet was emailed to Councilors on June 29, so what was added to the packet was not new information for the decision makers.

New Conflicts of interest- None

New Ex Parte Contacts

Mayor Traber declared a general ex parte contact concerning a recent article in the Gazette-Times newspaper. He also cited an email he received from a constituent related to real estate value. If he needed to vote, he would base his decision on what is in the record, and he could make a fair and impartial decision.

Councilor Shepherd received an email today from a constituent, which he initially believed was request for assistance, but then realized it was testimony. He said he would not consider that information and he could make a fair and impartial decision.

Councilor Struthers said last Wednesday he was at a meeting where a representative from Benton County mentioned the case, but there was no discussion. He said he could make a fair and impartial decision based on the record.

Councilor Chaplen read the Gazette-Times article. She can make a fair and impartial decision.

Councilor Napack had an email exchange with Ralph Alig, which is included in the Council packet. She can make a fair and impartial decision based on the criteria for this case.

Councilor Shaffer read part of the Gazette-Times article, and read many emails about what community members cited as missing testimony. He could make a fair and impartial decision based on the record.

Councilor Maughan unintentionally drove past the site last week, which sparked a general discussion about annexations among the people who were in the vehicle. They did not discuss anything specific. He could make a fair and impartial decision.

Councilor Lytle said she read the Gazette-Times article. She can still make a fair and impartial decision.

New Site Visits

As described above, Councilor Maughan had inadvertently driven past the site.

Councilor Struthers had been using Google Maps as a reference when reviewing documents and he will have it open on his laptop tonight to understand the area during discussions.

Councilor Chaplen drove by the area to orient herself to the particulars of the case.

Councilor Shaffer drove past the site in the last few weeks on both West Hills Road and 53rd Street, not specifically to look at the site, but to go past it. He drove to the end of Sage Brush through the Retreat to get some idea of what it looked like. He has also been looking at the site on Google Maps and the City's Land Development Code to understand better some of the resources there.

Councilors Ellis and Chaplen, respectively, moved and seconded to authorize the City Manager to sign and execute the Annexation Agreement presented in Attachment CC-C of the June 14, 2021 memorandum from the Community Development Director, Interim Public

Works Director, and Parks and Recreation Director to the Mayor and City Council, and to direct staff to prepare findings and associated ordinances in support of the Marys Annexation application (ANN17-00001/ZDC17-00002).

Councilor Ellis made the motion partly because she believed this was an appropriate annexation for the City. It is in a good location, the property is contiguous, and services are there. In many ways, she was very comfortable with it, but she remained deeply concerned about the connector road not being built for ten years. She wanted bicyclists and pedestrian traffic off West Hills Road. Community Development Director Bilotta said the agreement states that if the applicant wants to force the Council to construct that segment, the Council has extra time to decide how it wishes to do that. However, it does not prevent the Council from exercising its right to initiate infrastructure projects at any time, regardless of whether the property is annexed, or not. The community does not have to wait ten years for the connector. The Council could start discussions about it at their next meeting if it wished. State law gives the Council full ability to condemn property on the urban fringe, construct infrastructure, or do anything necessary to allow urbanization to occur.

Councilor Ellis noted that Community Development staff is booked solid, but she would like to know within a reasonable timeframe the advantages and disadvantages of such an action. If other Councilors felt the same, she would like to know what the City would not be doing to pursue it. Mr. Bilotta said staff would bring the matter back to the Council.

Councilor Napack agreed with Councilor Ellis' infrastructure concerns. She was pleased with how staff answered the questions that are in the packet. The responses made it very clear what the agreement was versus what the annexation will be. This past weekend, she traveled east on West Hills Road. When she was near the top, she nearly collided with someone who was leaving their driveway. She believed the issue related to visibility, not speed.

Councilor Lytle was also concerned about the east west connector. She recalled that in a previous meeting, City Engineer Gescher indicated there could be a way to expedite a multimodal path before the ten-year mark to build the connector road. Getting bikers and pedestrians off West Hills Road was important to her. In response to her inquiry about how to accomplish that, Mr. Bilotta clarified that the agreement states the applicant can ask the Council to direct that the City build the connector. Given this provision, there is no need to amend the agreement. He said the same principle applies to a multimodal path; the Council could initiate construction of that at any time. A 40-foot right-of-way already exists, so a multimodal path could fit in that location without the need to acquire property.

Councilor Struthers supported the motion. He read all of the testimony sent to the Mayor and Council. He noted that when he received the supplemental testimony on June 29, he read all of it that day. He observed it would be some time before housing is actually built. If Council approves the agreement and adopts findings, the applicant would still need to submit plans to the City and obtain building permits. Councilor Struthers was comfortable with the agreement and pursuing consideration of the connector road and/or multimodal path at a future meeting.

Councilor Shepherd said he read all the testimony. When reviewing the record, the east west connector issue also stood out to him. In response to his inquiry about the process to amend the agreement, Mr. Bilotta said Council would send the negotiating team back with direction to see if both parties can agree to the proposed condition. Staff would then then come back to tell the Council with the answer.

Councilors Shepherd and Ellis, respectively, moved and seconded to amend the agreement to direct the negotiating team to ask that the east west connector be completed in conjunction with construction on Area 1 or before construction of Area 2.

Councilor Napack inquired whether it needed to be part of System Development Charges (SDCs). Mayor Traber said his interpretation of the motion does not speak to that.

Councilor Napack said it sounded like the applicant would have to pay for the connector.

Councilor Shepherd said the intent of his motion was considering a situation where Mr. Lin would be paying for the connector as an option. He was not addressing a Local Improvement District or SDCs. He was specifically speaking to that section of the road that is inside Mr. Lin's property.

Councilor Shaffer was not clear what the amendment would give the City. There was nothing that says Mr. Lin would wait ten years to construct the connector or that the City could not do it. When Connector A links to Sage Brush, it will need to connect to other properties Mr. Lin does not own. At this point, he opposed the motion because he did not see a clear need for it.

Councilor Lytle agreed with Councilor Shaffer. She did not see a direct need for the motion, as the Council could initiate an infrastructure project at any time. The connector did not need to wait ten years.

The amendment failed 2 to 6, on following roll call vote

YEA Councilors Shepherd, Ellis

NAY Councilors Chaplen, Shaffer, Struthers, Napack, Maughan, Lytle

Councilor Shaffer supported the annexation agreement, but he was also concerned about bike and pedestrian safety, so he wanted the connector to be constructed expeditiously. He also had concerns about Mr. Lin's numbers compared to the City's map of protected areas such as wetlands and how Minimum Assured Development Area (MADA) might apply. He spoke to Community Development staff about it and he is confident the annexation can move ahead without fear of encroaching into the wetlands and riparian areas.

Councilor Shepherd said he had no further amendments and would support the motion as written. He had voiced his only reservations, the Council did not wish to address them, and he was fine with that. He favored annexations in general and more housing. He supported the City moving forward with the connector on its own and hoped it would be built soon. Traffic safety was very important to the region and the residents.

Councilor Ellis acknowledged that Council heard from several residents about the need for a Southwest Area Plan. She agreed with them, noting that having a Plan would make discussions like these easier. She also recognized that Community Development staff is working at capacity.

Councilor Lytle supported the motion. Corvallis needs the annexation, as housing inventory is starved, but housing development will not happen overnight. Her primary concern is getting people off the road. She takes bike and pedestrian safety very seriously and is a strong proponent of getting the multimodal path completed as soon as possible.

Councilor Napack said the subject site is in her ward and she supported the motion. She recognized that a Southwest Area Plan is important and there is rapid growth in the southwest corner of the city. She wanted constituents to know there are many details yet to be addressed, especially transportation. She was concerned about where funding will come from and urged caution going forward.

The motion passed unanimously.

Findings will come back to the Council for approval at a future meeting.

Councilor Shepherd observed this was the first large scale annexation since the State law quashed voting on annexations. He wanted to review City processes surrounding annexations, including public participation via the IAP2 model. Mr. Bilotta said changes to the Land Development Code would be coming to the Council in the next few months to accommodate changes to State law. Mayor Traber said Council Leadership would discuss options for connectivity.

B. Enforcement of Illegal Camping Regulations

Mayor Traber noted that at its July 6, 2021 meeting, Council tabled a motion made by Councilor Maughan. City Recorder Holzworth read the tabled motion: Councilors Maughan and Ellis, respectively, moved and seconded to rescind the Council's previous motion to resume posting and cleaning of camps, until City and/or County staff can present to Council options for a designated campsite or sites.

Councilors Maughan and Ellis, respectively, moved and seconded to amend the motion to rescind the Council's previous motion made on April 5, 2021 to "Begin enforcing illegal camping ordinance May 15, 2021," until City and/or County staff can present to Council options for a designated camp site or sites. All other previous motions regarding posting of camps to remain in effect.

Councilor Maughan said many people did not understand his original motion. He was seeking to address the specific motion he was moving to rescind. He believed all of the other previous motions were important and he wanted them to remain in effect.

The amendment passed 7 to 1, with Councilor Napack opposing.

Councilor Maughan explained why he made the motion at the end of the July 6 Council meeting. He had not planned on it or thought about it before the meeting. The Council received a lot of written and verbal testimony tonight, with about half of the written testimony expressing support for his motion. He said many of the comments appeared to misunderstand his motion and that is why he offered the amendment tonight. He still supported enforcement of illegal camping near waterways, at protected areas, and in Downtown parking lots. He said campers are hiding and going farther away from help, including first responders such as the Fire Department. Posting all camps does not solve the problem because people just move from one spot to another. He wanted to take action now to get people to services.

Councilor Ellis understood from testimony that nobody wants or likes unmanaged camps. The question is where do people go and where can they be to get their lives together. Posting and moving people without giving them a place to go increases their stress. She supported Councilor Maughan's motion.

Councilor Napack read the following statement: *After discussions with many of my constituents and much thought, I cannot agree with the motion. Indeed, there is a lot of dissatisfaction and impatience among us all...and importantly, relaying of misinformation and assumptions made by advocates evidenced by a number of incendiary remarks about police, prison labor, and purposely destroying property. My desire is to instead intensify the efforts needed to facilitate the HOPE recommendations while continuing to enforce camping ordinances. We have dedicated social service providers, funding, and volunteers but we still must engage the entire community in finding safe places for homeless to sleep, of course, and providing access to social services in other parts of the community – not just one place, which is why you have a concentration of poverty in one area. It seems this effort of the City and especially Community Development is poorly appreciated by homeless advocates and she did not know why. The City recognizes that this is a very challenging issue and they are working hard with our many partners toward solutions that balance neighborhood livability, safety, health, along with compassionate and humane responses to homelessness. However, allowing illegal camping is an invitation for those who are unable to abide within safe and customary behaviors, as would be found in a sanctioned or managed camp, to move back into the parks. HOPE and the County will need all the support available to go forward. Rights are not being abridged, but we cannot allow Pioneer, BMX, Shawala, Downtown, and Riverfront be further compromised. To be blunt, persons who camp and/or leave personal property unattended in these areas deter City residents and visitors from rightfully utilizing public and private services. Persons camping, accumulating trash, or leaving personal property unattended is detrimental to community safety, public welfare and the economic vitality of the community. These behaviors have caused a cycle of decline as residents and tourists go elsewhere to walk, meet, shop, dine and access services or activities. Residents have become intimidated from using the public parks in their own neighborhoods. We need to promote policies that preserve the right for everyone to enjoy public spaces and to traverse them freely; this approach still maintains the right for homeless to rest, sleep, speak, protest, and engage in lawful activity consistent with city ordinances and permitting requirements. This year, the legislature passed a large number of housing bills in terms of both policy and resources and that is what we need to be working on.* She noted the City of Eugene has a list of conditions for sanctioned camping. She noted the indemnity issue raised by staff, and said the Council needed to consider that. She said the Council needed to do its best to get social services providers or maybe even recruit others and work on something in the County so previous circumstances are not reinvented. She wanted everyone to know that she visits the camps about once per month. She was present on the day the BMX Park was cleared, and the day before. She spoke to the people there. She does not condone people being moved, but she said we cannot abide people living in a free-for-all situation. She has observed safety issues, as well as piles of trash and bicycle parts. If the City wanted to offer a place for people to go, it needed to begin working on that right now, but in the meantime, she did not want people moving back into parks.

Councilor Struthers thanked Councilor Maughan for bringing the issue forward. He said there has been a lot of communication on the issue, and some of it has not been polite. He respects Councilor Maughan, but he could not support his motion. He has been conflicted about the issue, he has been reading the emails as they have been coming in, and trying his best to keep up with everything. When the Council met jointly with the Benton County Board of Commissioners, he felt the participants actually did the work and gave direction to staff. He believed the motion tonight was going in the opposite direction. He wanted to support the outcomes of the July 1 joint meeting and have that work done.

Councilor Chaplen was present during the camp cleanup and she is very aware of people who are in crisis and have mental illness, but the City and County collaboration is a unique opportunity. She did not want to derail that process and the City needed to follow its

ordinances. As people are moving, social services providers are getting more in touch with them and tracking them. This provides potential for people to make a change in their lives, such staying at the Men's Shelter, which has 13 open spaces. She said one inaccuracy she hears repeatedly is that the City is responsible. Homelessness is a symptom of something else, primarily health care. That is the responsibility of the Benton County Health Department and Samaritan Intercommunity Health Network Coordinated Care Organization, who should be getting people mental health care and drug/alcohol addiction treatment. She wanted to see people address Benton County about these issues. The City cannot do it all. She could not support the motion.

Councilor Shaffer appreciated Councilor Maughan for having the Council confront the issue. He appreciated all of the emails from the community. There are many deeply held beliefs on both sides, and unfortunately, there is no easy middle ground. He wanted to move ahead and put effort into addressing how to make space for people this winter. The Council needs to make sure there is some sort of camp, microshelters, or some other option. He feared that if the Council changed direction again, they would lose the confidence of some people who would rely on what the Council says or decides. He wanted to focus staff on moving ahead to define camps. He noted there is nothing that prevents people from sleeping in parks. It is unfortunate they do not have a place to store their belongings and he believed that should be addressed. He has considered the motion carefully, but he was sad to say he could support it. He said the Council owes something to those who have been adversely affected by decreased livability, including businesses.

Councilor Lytle also appreciated Councilor Maughan's motion and amendment, and that he brought forth the conversation. For the first time, City and County elected officials have sat down to work together on solutions for those who are houselessness and for a shelter. She believed things were headed in a positive direction and action would be forthcoming very soon. She has personally advocated for helping those who are houseless. She was on the advisory group to bring the Men's Shelter to South Corvallis; she has volunteered, and helped start Stone Soup in Southtown last summer. She recalled how she asked her fellow Councilors last March to address camps in South Corvallis because they were infringing on both housed and unhoused residents' ability to navigate their spaces. It was difficult for men, women, and children to visit parks because paths and green spaces were blocked. In her ward, she only heard from two constituents who supported Councilor Maughan's motion; the rest opposed it and were scared of going backwards. She could not support the motion, but she appreciated Councilor Maughan's passion and leadership.

Councilor Maughan understood there was no support for his motion, but wanted to respond to statements made in response to it. He said if someone were to move into the Men's Shelter, they would have to condense their belongings down to one tote. Many people do not want to do that until the weather forces them to, so that is one reason why there are openings. Regarding going backwards, he did not think his motion would do that. The Council passed several motions to stop allowing camping near trails, pathways, waterways, and in parking lots. He expressed dissatisfaction with phrases about people having a right to use public spaces. He said people also have a right to live and to stability. He said people who are not mentally ill or chronically ill do not know how they would respond in those situations. He observed there is no national funding to help such people and without proper health care, people in crisis are doing their best to get through the day. He urged people to be compassionate and understanding.

Councilor Shepherd has been thinking about the issue constantly since the last Council meeting. He thanked Councilor Maughan and those who have been putting pressure on the Council to address difficult issues. His vote is a difficult decision, but one of the aspects he

considered related to testimony provided at the previous meeting about the connection between Southtown, Downtown, and rest of Corvallis. He did not want the same situation to occur again if the City stopped posting camps. He does not like the idea of posting camps and forcing people to move. He agreed with Councilor Maughan's point that he could not understand what it was like to live in that situation. He did not see the current issue on camping and the City's work with Benton County as mutually exclusive. He did not want the connection to Southtown to be a point of contention and an issue again. He also did not want to be in an endless cycle of people advocating for and against camps in that area. He planned to stand by his previous vote on the matter. He wanted to work to find solutions together.

The motion as amended failed 2 to 6, with Councilors Maughan and Ellis supporting.

Mayor Traber observed that Councilors placed urgent priority on attention toward solutions for this winter.

Councilors Chaplen and Maughan, respectively, moved and seconded to direct staff to work with any social service or other governmental agency to have them store unhoused belongings during the day so the residents can get services and care without the fear of having their belongings taken away.

Councilor Chaplen said during the cleanup, staff was conscientious and assisted the campers. She cited one circumstance where staff gave a woman a large dumpster to take her belongings to Avery Park so they could be stored for 30 days. It is clear that people need a place to store their belongings while they are sleeping or getting services.

Councilor Shepherd was not aware of the motion before tonight, but he believed it was a good one. He said it could address some of the testimony Council has heard and it was worth considering and supporting.

Community Development Director Bilotta said his understanding of the motion is that staff would work with providers, not that the City would store them. Councilor Chaplen agreed. Mr. Bilotta said that was something staff could do.

Councilor Maughan agreed the motion would address one of the concerns. It would help provide some level of stability for those experiencing houselessness.

Councilor Napack said as a HOPE member, she wanted to be sure it was worth the effort. She advocated for a metric to evaluate whether the people who are using the storage, such as lockers, are connecting with services and if it helps alleviate homelessness. She wanted the City to investigate whether such an approach has worked in other cities.

Councilor Ellis said she had seen people storing several personal belongings in one of the bike lockers near the Transit Station. She supported the motion because Mr. Bilotta had indicated staff could work with providers on the issue.

Mr. Bilotta said staff would meet with nonprofit partners to see what they think, look at City resources, Code issues, and if staff can find a partner, he will bring a proposal to the Council.

Councilor Lytle supported the motion. She said the City already allows sleeping in parks and City Hall Plaza, yet it is difficult to set up a camp for the night and take it down the next day. Providing somewhere to store belongings would help.

Councilor Struthers also supported the motion. He assumed that by consensus, Councilors would support using Council discretionary funds to pay for it. No Councilor objected to his statement.

Councilor Shaffer supported the motion as well. If a provider could be identified, it would provide security for those who need a place to keep their belongings.

Councilor Napack supported the motion, but she would like the Council to review the matter in the future to see if was working.

The motion passed unanimously.

Councilors Shepherd and Maughan, respectively, moved and seconded to have staff condense the Martin v. Boise sleeping area guide to a pamphlet for easy distribution.

Councilor Bilotta said staff has had this item on its work list, but was unable to get to it until they finish the Marys annexation and recent camping items. They will be working on it soon.

Councilor Shepherd wanted to continue with the motion, specifically because there are some specific points he wished to add. He said people have testified that there has been confusion with the language in the six-page handout. He wanted to see a very simple brochure, with a map or graphics that describe rights and where people may sleep. He suggested a trifold design rather than a one-page memo.

Councilor Napack inquired whether Councilor Shepherd wished to leave the details to staff's discretion, including a review by the City Attorney, or if he wished to specify a design. Mayor Traber noted the motion only refers to a brochure, but he encouraged Councilors to speak up if they wanted to provide input to staff.

The motion passed unanimously.

Councilors Chaplen and Maughan, respectively, moved and seconded to direct the City Manager to contact the County Administrator to see if he will allocate County staff to a weekly joint City/County group that will focus on short-term shelter needs and long-term shelter needs and then report back to the Council at the meeting with his response. If the County accepts, then progress reports at each Council and joint Commissioner/Council business meetings.

Mr. Bilotta confirmed there is an existing working group of City and County staff, but there is no commitment to have weekly meetings.

Councilor Napack did not support the motion. She believed it was too prescriptive. Staff from the City and County are doing plenty of work now and they will be providing regular updates to the Council.

Councilor Ellis was not comfortable with directing a meeting every week. Sometimes there is nothing to say and forcing people to spend an hour for a meeting can be a waste of their time. She agreed with Councilor Napack.

Councilors Maughan and Chaplen respectively, moved and seconded to amend the motion to bi-weekly instead of weekly.

Councilor Maughan supported the amendment and overall motion. He appreciated that staff is working on it and providing direction will help the Council know which direction to take on the issues.

Councilor Napack said similar to the motion, the amendment is too prescriptive.

Councilor Chaplen said she knows that City staff is doing a great job and she wanted the County to be more focused. There is a lot of work ahead to get a managed camp and permanent shelter by October, so she wanted to nudge the issue.

Councilor Shaffer agreed with Councilor Napack. He appreciated feeling a sense of urgency, but trying to push the County might be counterproductive.

The amendment failed 3 to 5 on the following roll call vote:

AYE Councilors Chaplen, Maughan, Lytle

NAY Councilors Shaffer, Struthers, Napack, Shepherd, Ellis

In response to Mayor Traber's inquiry, Ms. Holzworth repeated the original motion.

The motion failed 3 to 5 on the following roll call vote:

AYE Councilors Chaplen, Maughan, Lytle

NAY Councilors Shaffer, Struthers, Napack, Shepherd, Ellis

Councilor Ellis encouraged anyone with concerns to contact the Benton County Commissioners and participate in their meetings. Councilor Shepherd agreed.

Councilor Lytle said the County Commissioners have not received testimony this year on houselessness issues, and it is welcome. The Commissioners meet on the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 11:00 am.

Mayor Traber recessed the meeting from 8:23 to 8:30 pm.

C. Charter Amendment Ballot Title and Explanatory Statement: Filling Councilor Vacancies

At its July 6 meeting, Council reviewed the draft Ballot Title and Explanatory Statement. They supported amendments and asked the City Attorney to present the updated language for Council's consideration.

Mayor Traber re-read the original motion to table: Councilors Struthers and Chaplen, respectively, moved and seconded to adopt the proposed Charter amendment and attached Ballot Title with the additional amendment of changing Section 34 b) from the word shall to the word must.

Mayor Traber said given that edits have been proposed to those items, the motion on the table did not seem appropriate. He suggested voting down the motion and proposing a clean motion to move forward.

The motion failed unanimously.

Councilors Shepherd and Lytle, respectively, moved and seconded to adopt the proposed Charter amendment and attached Ballot Title as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Brewer said he would bring draft recitals to the August 2 Council meeting for review and amendment. He encouraged Councilors to email him any recitals they would like to include. If necessary, the Council could provide further amendments during the August 5 Council work session. Staff will present the final resolution to the Council on August 16 that includes all of the Charter amendments.

Councilors Shepherd and Lytle, respectively, moved and seconded to adopt the attached explanatory statement.

The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. MAYOR, COUNCILOR, AND CITY MANAGER REPORTS

A. Mayor's Reports – None

B. Councilor Reports

Councilor Maughan said the Council received a lot of testimony regarding his motion on camps. Some of the comments said he did not listen to community members and constituents. He said it was not true. He encouraged people to speak up often and share with the Council their ideas, as well as what they are happy with, and what they are not.

Councilor Shepherd agreed with Councilor Maughan. He valued community input. Some testimony reflected strong language, serious allegations, and personal attacks against Councilor Maughan. Councilor Shepherd said Councilor Maughan cares about the community and he urged people not to make accusations. On July 15, the Council of Governments governing board of directors approved hosting a conversation about the Bias Response Initiative. The vote was near unanimous. Mayor Traber thanked Councilor Shepherd for his work on the issue.

Councilor Shaffer agreed with Councilor Ellis' recommendation to contact the Benton County Commissioners regarding homeless issues. The Arts Center is offering new programming and he encouraged people to visit. He said the City is re-building 36th Street with the intent, consistent with the Transportation System Plan, to eliminate on-street parking and add buffered bike lanes. Those who live on that street are concerned that eliminating parking will visually make the street wider and cars will go faster, which will reduce bike safety. He asked Public Works staff to assess the design similar to the Circle Boulevard pilot project and perhaps use IAP2 to communicate with the community. He said Public Works Director Blaine provided a favorable response to his request. Councilor Ellis expressed interest in working with Councilor Shaffer on the matter.

Councilor Napack asked Councilor Shaffer to share his Ward 7 newsletter with her. She compiled all emails the Council received on the houselessness issue and she will send them to the Board of Commissioners. She provided a written Councilor report and said she would share that with the Commissioners as well (Attachment E).

Councilor Struthers welcomed meeting with constituents in person. The Corvallis Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO) will hold its first open house on July 20 for the regional transportation plan. He will work with Council Leadership to schedule presentations with the Council and CAMPO's Nick Metzler.

Councilor Lytle said the Oregon Department of Transportation would host a Highway 99W concept open house at 5:30 pm on July 28 in the Tunison Community Room. The public may also participate virtually.

Councilor Chaplen reminded drivers to slow down, especially in neighborhoods, as many children are playing outside. She noted the extreme fire danger and urged everyone to be cautious. She thanked Councilor Maughan for his advocacy. She agreed that community members should contact Benton County Commissioners with their comments about houselessness. Councilors are volunteers who are trying to do their best. She reads emails and values constituent input and constructive suggestions.

C. City Manager's Reports

1. Strategic Operational Plan Monthly Update

The item was for information only.

2. Corvallis E-News

The item was for information only.

3. Other –

Mr. Bilotta said there had been discussion about scheduling the next joint work session with the Board of Commissioners concerning the HOPE recommendations. The work session has been moved from August 5 to August 19.

Mr. Bilotta said there was a shooting incident on July 17. The Police do not have anyone in custody; however, there is no reason to believe the public is in danger. On July 18, there was a homicide in Linn County. At this time, the two incidents do not appear to be related.

Mr. Bilotta appreciated Councilors' professionalism tonight on difficult issues.

D. City Attorney's Reports – None

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 pm.

APPROVED:

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Biff Traber
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MAYOR

ATTEST:

DocuSigned by:
Carla Holzworth
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CITY RECORDER

From: Ilkovitch, Tali <ilkovitn@oregonstate.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, July 14, 2021 4:13 PM
To: Holzworth, Carla <Carla.Holzworth@corvallisoregon.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Stop the sweeps, fund essential community resources

Hello Carla,

I am interested in giving verbal testimony during the community comments section of the city council meeting this coming Monday. The statement I would like to give is the one forwarded below, which was sent to the council and mayor. I appreciate it, thank you!

Tali Ilkovitch

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Ilkovitch, Tali <ilkovitn@oregonstate.edu>
Date: Wed, Jul 14, 2021 at 4:10 PM
Subject: Stop the sweeps, fund essential community resources
To: <charlyn.ellis@corvallisoregon.gov>, <mayorandcouncil@corvallisoregon.gov>, <biff.traber@corvallisoregon.gov>

Mayor Traber and city councilors,

My name is Tali Ilkovitch, a Corvallis Ward 5 resident, a community organizer, and former ASOSU Senator. I am writing to you today urging you to use your positions to allocate our community's tax dollars away from police sweeping our houseless neighbors' residences, and towards accessible community resources that facilitate every community member maintaining safe and affordable housing. In late December of 2020 amidst the holiday season, Corvallis community members including myself gathered to support the unhoused residents of Pioneer Park in response to a sweep perpetrated by the city. Currently, the city of Corvallis operates as a microcosm of a larger system that prioritizes funding of policing and criminalization over rehabilitation and direct resourcing of its constituents. Instead of putting resources towards providing houseless residents with housing and support, the city puts resources towards police, who routinely punish and displace houseless residents for their systemic vulnerability. Members of the Corvallis community and I began our mutual aid efforts at Pioneer Park by directly asking unhoused residents there if they could use our support amidst the sweep. We recorded names and needs of residents, and began fundraising. We also began organizing roles for volunteers to take on the day of the sweep, such as taking runs to the store, filling propane tanks, cooking food, making camping reservations, moving belongings, and providing emotional support. We were able to raise nearly \$7,000 using a Gofundme page and distribute it directly in the form of material resources and moving accommodations for every single resident of the park. Volunteers were on sight the entire day of the sweep and worked diligently to make sure no one was left behind. In the morning of the sweep, as we began setting up our mutual aid station, police showed up to remind residents they were being evicted. As they made their rounds, they passed out fliers about our Gofundme without having sought consent from us to do so. As they did this, I wondered why police were paid by the city with my tax dollars if their actions directly contradicted their supposed role of "protecting and serving" the residents of Pioneer Park. I wondered, would the police have offered the residents they were displacing any help at all if it weren't for our Gofundme? I wondered, why can't their salaries, paid by my tax dollars, instead be directly allocated towards providing safe housing to the park's residents in the first place, yet I am paying for officers to evict my neighbors from their homes? By the end of the day, as I stood in the empty park, I recalled how things looked a few days before—full of peoples' homes, belongings, livelihoods, and full of my unhoused neighbors supporting and caring for

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each other. Pioneer Park was a place where Corvallis' houseless community could support each other, and now, because of the sweep, that support network is gone.

These sweeps aren't disappearing the city's institutional complicity in the houselessness epidemic, it is only disappearing our own community members from places where they can find relative safety from the cruel realities of poverty. The residents I met included people with children, sick people without healthcare, people who couldn't work due to chronic health conditions, people who "did everything right" and still ended up on the streets. Their experiences were ripe with stories in which law enforcement harassed and threatened them with further destabilization and punishment. This is unacceptable.

This is a direct result of our city chronically prioritizing funding law enforcement and carceral punishment over providing essential resources like healthcare, addiction treatment, rent control, food and housing security, and unarmed crisis mediation to our community. Law enforcement is violently wasting our tax dollars, and reallocating our funding directly to resources Corvallis residents acutely need is the only viable solution to treating this issue at its core.

So I urge you to stop the sweeps. Stop destabilizing entire lives and communities. Stop putting my tax dollars towards law enforcement who only exacerbate the houseless epidemic. Fund food and housing security, healthcare, and social safety nets that will ensure that all of our community members live with dignity and thrive together.

I will be publishing an abridged version of this letter in the Gazette Times and presenting it for community comments on July 19th.

Solidarity,

Tali Ilkovitch (they/them)

Political Education Committee Chair | YDSA at OSU

Contract Action Team Member | CGE 6069

Natural Resources | College of Forestry

Community Member

Testimony: Ralph Alig—RE: Marys River Annexation—July 19, 2021

Thank you Mr. Mayor and city council for the opportunity to comment tonight. Participating in a fully accessible, responsive, and transparent government for the common good of Corvallis is legally imperative. This includes following the city's land development code (LDC) and having respectful civil discourse in the way of public testimony that is presented to you as decision makers in a legally prescribed manner and reasonably readable fashion so that city council can comprehend key points within tight deadlines.

My main concern involves the process of providing public input: ***the Mayor and city council as decision makers have not been given the information you are required to consider in a manner mandated by the LDC. The result is prejudicial consequences for the public testimony, with inadequate or misplaced information to make a fully informed decision and one that takes into account the broad range of public concerns.***

LDC section Article II (Administrative Procedures) establishes types of land use actions and their review criteria, outlining procedures for public involvement. Section 2.0.20 provides clear and consistent rules to ensure that the legal rights of individual property owners ***and the general public are protected***. 2.0.40.02 regulates the submission of ***Written Testimony***, in that any person may submit written recommendations and comments regarding a public hearing item, copies of which shall be kept on file and ***made available for public inspection. We think that recent mishandling of public testimony was not in compliance with the LDC criteria.***

LDC 2.0.50.06 ***Order of Proceedings*** states the public testimony portion of the proceedings identified in "i" through "l," reproduced in my Appendix, ***is presented in the order in which it shall occur. Our public testimony as part of the open record from June 21-28 falls under section j.*** Our public testimony should be on the same footing in terms of visibility as the applicant's and the hearing authority. Recently, public testimony was

placed in an archival website, which was not communicated to those submitting materials and was only brought to light of day after consultation with the city attorney.

If the public record for tonight's deliberations were to be in compliance with LDC 2.0.50.06 Order of Proceedings, public testimony would have been placed before the applicant's rebuttal. Instead, it is at the back in a jumble of emails and final public testimonies, which includes a misplaced letter by the applicant part way through the voluminous package of 132 pages.

How the decision makers could comprehend the 132 pages of new public testimony is not reasonable or logical with it being concealed in inappropriate and less read sections of the packet. As I stated upfront, ***the mayor and city council as decision makers have not been given the information you are required to consider as represented in the LDC. The resulting concern is prejudicial consequences for the public testimony, limiting taking into account the broad range of public concerns, and resulting in information needed for a fully informed annexation decision being misplaced and hid to the point of being irrelevant.***

With the State taking away citizens' opportunity to vote on annexation proposals, the need for clear directions and clear expectations by the city regarding public testimony is essential. The city needs to identify a new process through which annexations are processed. In adopting the "[Spectrum of Public Participation](#)," the city council has pledged to keep citizens informed, listen to and acknowledge concerns and aspirations, and provide feedback on how public input influenced the decision. Currently, the city is using LDC which is not tailored to produce that desired outcome. The City, along with the Citizens of Corvallis, need to adopt formal annexation procedures, especially for public participation.

Thank you.

APPENDIX LDC SECTION 2.05.06 ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

i. Persons who support the proposed change shall present evidence or make inquiries. If additional evidence or documents are provided in support of an application, any party shall, upon request, be entitled to prepare a written rebuttal to the new evidence. If an opportunity for such written rebuttal is requested, the hearing authority shall hold the written record open for a minimum of seven days to allow for the submission of written rebuttals. When requested by the applicant, such a continuance is exempt from the time limits established in state law for development review processes.

j. Persons who oppose the proposed change shall present evidence or make inquiries.

k. Persons who do not necessarily support or oppose the proposed change shall present evidence or make inquiries.

l. Rebuttal testimony may be presented by persons who have testified. The scope of material presented during rebuttal shall be limited to matters raised during the course of the hearing. The applicant or the applicant's representative shall present the first rebuttal, followed by surrebuttal by those who testified in opposition to the proposed change. Those persons who testified neutrally may not participate in surrebuttal. The presiding officer shall limit rebuttal and surrebuttal to avoid repetition. Prior to the close of the public hearing, the presiding officer shall ask the applicant to state a preference to either provide a final written argument within seven days or to waive that opportunity.

From: Notification.Services@corvallisoregon.gov <Notification.Services@corvallisoregon.gov>
Sent: Friday, July 16, 2021 1:56 PM
To: Holzworth, Carla <Carla.Holzworth@corvallisoregon.gov>
Cc: Shepard, Mark <Mark.Shepard@corvallisoregon.gov>; Rollens, Patrick <Patrick.Rollens@corvallisoregon.gov>
Subject: PUBLIC INPUT - Protect unhoused neighbors

RECEIVED: 7/16/2021 1:55:30 PM
NAME/ADDRESS: John Stepanek, 1905 NW Menlo Dr., Corvallis, OR 97330
CONTACT (if any): jstepanek@gmail.com
TOPIC: Protect unhoused neighbors
MEETING DATE: 7/19/2021

Dear Council members,

My name is John Stepanek, and I am a Ward 6 Corvallis resident and PhD student at Oregon State University. I am writing to you today to express how deeply disappointed I am in the city's treatment of our unhoused neighbors in Corvallis. Over the past few weeks, the Parks and Rec department and city police have asked ODOT to bring in prison slave labor to evict dozens of people from the meadows behind pioneer park, the BMX tracks, the skate park, and the area across the Willamette known as Orleans. All of this during an ongoing pandemic, against the CDC's recommendations, when no other city in Oregon has resumed sweeps to this extent as far as I know. It's cruel enough to uproot these people's lives while they're trying to survive, but the threat of heat exposure, which will continue to get worse with climate change, makes these evictions even more cruel.

The council has discussed the "issue" of homelessness ad nauseum for years and has yet to make a single, meaningful commitment to protecting these members of our community. While there absolutely needs to be long term commitments to providing resources to our unhoused neighbors, there are easy, immediate steps the city can take right now that would tremendously improve the lives of our unhoused neighbors:

1. STOP THE SWEEPS. Living under the constant threat of eviction is inhumane and a violation of the UN's list of human rights. Depending on the property ownership, availability of prison laborers, and police officer's mood, these members of our community often have 24 hours to 2 weeks of stability before they are completely uprooted again. That is unacceptable, it is disgusting, and it is entirely within your control to stop it. While the sweeps were halted during COVID (which is still ongoing), these people formed tight-knit communities with each other and developed trusting relationships that they've seldom been allowed to develop because they had stability. You not only uprooted their lives but destroyed their communities. Many of these people have been repeatedly traumatized and harassed by law enforcement, so regular encounters with officers trying to evict them has lasting mental and emotional effects as well. You can stop this, right now, if only you had the empathy, courage, and will.

2. Sanction a place for people to camp where they will not be harassed or evicted. Ultimately, such a place should be community housing with infrastructure and resources, but until the city has funding/priorities to provide that, simply designate an area that unhoused folks can camp without being disturbed. Many of them have jobs, families, medical needs, etc. that are very difficult to attend to if they are constantly having to move every few days or weeks. How can you possibly expect them to dig their way out of these circumstances if you are constantly pulling the floor out from under them?

3. Defund the police and allocate the money to therapists, unarmed crisis response, public bathrooms, etc. The recent levy that passed with unanimous council support shows how little you understand the power you wield. You and the county marketed that levy as a public health measure but over half the money was allocated to cops and prisons, the carceral system that repeatedly abuses and traumatizes the most vulnerable, unhoused members of our community and provides you the cheap labor to do it. If you actually talked to these people and heard what they've been through, it might be harder for you to deny

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their humanity. They are people who have been made refugees by the fires last summer, have been kicked out of their homes as teenagers because of their sexuality and have never been given the support to thrive as adults, people who have suffered PTSD because of the horrors this country made them endure in wars, people who suffer addictions with no resources or support, people that are just like you and me but that don't have four walls to hide their lives behind and must endure the exposure and judgements of others as if you or I would fair any differently in their circumstances.

In summary, every week you waste in committees talking in circles around each other, your parks and rec department and your cops continue to uproot these people daily. Stop the sweeps, clearly designate somewhere that these people can live, and provide them with the resources that they need, which does not mean more cops and jail cells.

Solidarity,

John Stepanek (he/him)

Community activist

OSU PhD Student

Bargaining Team Member CGE

Community Member

-----Original Message-----

From: Patrick O'Dell <odellpatrick624@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, July 15, 2021 8:22 PM

To: Holzworth, Carla <Carla.Holzworth@corvallisoregon.gov>

Subject: Written Testimony concerning the Houseless Population in Corvallis

Dear Carla,

I would like to submit the following as written testimony for the July 19 City Council on the topic of The Houseless Population in Corvallis.

Thank you,

Patrick O'Dell

Dear Corvallis Mayor and Counselors,

As a voting citizen of Corvallis, I was deeply saddened to see the posting and removal of houseless people from their camps without alternate camping facilities being available for them. This is not only morally questionable, but pragmatically a game of "whack a mole", since these displaced persons will be forced to find another camp site, and it is my understanding that some have already done so. I urge you to cease the displacement of these people without assurance that they have a place to go. It is my understanding also that legal challenges to this practice have been successful(Boise case), and that you may therefore be opening the city to legal liability, or at least court challenges. I simply believe that we need to feed the hungry, house the homeless, and treat the sick whenever we have the means, which I believe this community does, even if it requires creative thinking. I am a Council member of First Congregational UCC Church of Corvallis, and we initiated Safe Camp as a matter of a need which presented itself by houseless individuals. I have been amazed at the financial generosity and generosity of spirit from not only our church members, but from from citizens throughout Corvallis.

Please support Councilor Maughan's motion at your July 19 meeting to end the sweeps and work with community partners to create sanctioned, supported, camping.

It is regrettable that the Council chose not to move on this motion at your last meeting. It is my understanding that on July 14th, another large number of humans are to be "cleared" once again from the place they have sought refuge - the Orleans area. This effort would come from your direction, implemented by Parks & Rec with the support of ODOT. May this be the last of these short-sighted movements in our community.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter, and your service, Patrick O'Dell

2500 NW Princess St. #202

Corvallis, OR 97330

From: Daniel Wood <oddthings12@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, July 19, 2021 9:22 AM

To: Holzworth, Carla <Carla.Holzworth@corvallisoregon.gov>

Subject: West justice center proposal

Mr. Mayor, Councilors and city staff,

My main concern is the multi-modal transportation issues in west Corvallis. Travelers in this area daily experience the overburden of Highway traffic between Corvallis and Philomath, which has spilled over onto secondary roads with increased construction activities. The Benton County Transportation System Plan of 2001 has exceeded its 20 year window, without completing the most urgent of projects intended -- without mitigating the *then* existing issues. Meanwhile new construction and population densities have surpassed year 1998 projections and no funding has been identified for the fixes postponed. Furthermore, in 3.1.3D2, the 2001 TSP established policy to include community input impacting concerns for the greater good, a policy largely ignored by the entities involved. Meanwhile a checkerboard of development

has occurred within the stressed and dangerous transportation system with hill and curve vision issues, speeders, and unprotected disabled scooter, bike and ped users. Many west Corvallis citizens firmly believe that our transportation issues must be addressed and mitigated from the standpoint of traffic flow, prioritizing public safety, *before* we move forward with further large scale land developments. Public involvement in determining the priorities and construction timing for the new Corvallis TSP is critical and will result in increased multi-modal efficiency and compliance, meeting community policy goals, the result being a healthy inclusive community.

Thank you for your service

Respectfully,
Daniel Wood

From: Nikolai Huiras <nhuiras@alumni.nd.edu>
Sent: Thursday, July 15, 2021 5:53 PM
To: Holzworth, Carla <Carla.Holzworth@corvallisoregon.gov>
Cc: Ellis, Charlyn <Charlyn.Ellis@corvallisoregon.gov>
Subject: Written Testimony, Council Meeting 07-19-2021

To City Recorder Holzworth & Councillor Ellis:

Below is the written testimony I wish to submit for Monday, July 19th's City Council meeting. The topic of my testimony is action on homeless encampments, particularly the recently swept sites within Corvallis' BMX park, adjacent skate park, Pioneer Park, and in the Orleans natural area across the river. Thank you for your continued efforts to appraise multiple views of the housing crisis as it unfolds locally.

Good evening, Councillors,

I am a health care worker who has served the Corvallis community for several years, and who has enjoyed contributing to the care of elders throughout my professional life. I am appalled at the City's increasingly cruel policies targeting our houseless neighbors. Many local houseless people are aging, and all are experiencing the same rising heat and mounting debts that also threaten the security of Oregonians who've barely scraped through a year plus of continuing pandemic fall-out. In light of the looming increase in evictions bringing further strain to our under-funded safety nets, I urge the Council to immediately halt the wasteful and degrading sweeps, and to prioritize collaborating with social care organizations and direct aid volunteers.

This summer Corvallis renewed its pre-COVID policy of posting and sweeping encampments on park grounds. In June I made two personal visits to see for myself what our most vulnerable community members were facing. I assisted a couple in breaking down their tents and removing their important belongings from Pioneer Park. I spoke with campers about their immediate needs, and the arc of their lives. Several divulged that their homes burnt down in last summer's massive fire complex. I recall that Benton County residents showed a heartfelt outpouring of support for working families, children, and seniors who lost their homes during 2020's horrific fires. As we face down the hottest summer on record, many of those Oregonians are still enduring heat waves and homelessness, but their histories and their neighbors' sympathies seem to have evaporated.

One must wonder, when did these families pass their expiration dates as worthy recipients of community care? At what time stamp after a natural disaster does a population in need transform into a faceless *problem*? Our fellow Oregonians displaced by fire and other hardships deserve better than a summer of sympathy eclipsed by increasing abandonment and demonization. While empathy fatigue and burn-out are understandable on the individual level, it is a shocking failure in our elected officials' social and fiscal caretaking to prioritize spending public money on costly harassment campaigns rather than humane, cost-

effective solutions. If our Councillors and Mayor find it preferable to disregard the compass of ethics, I urge them to follow the cold logic of money.

Using my own rented home as an example (at \$1800 total rent for a four-person house,) the city could provide a shelterless family of four stable housing for a year, bills included, for under \$25,000. Within my home, the annual individual cost comes out to as low as \$7,800 for rent and bills. There have been successful local crowd-funding campaigns pulling in this amount or more towards a variety of noble causes, including immediate material help for homeless neighbors. Stable local residencies are far less costly than jail beds or police overtime. We all deserve better than wasting the taxpayer-funded budgets for social services on aborted case work - a direct consequence of the City senselessly pitting Parks & Recreation crews and police department personnel against social workers doing their utmost to maintain contact with vulnerable clients. By harassing service recipients back and forth across the county line, as I witnessed on my park visits, the City needlessly complicating paths to stable housing, and actively subverting the social work for which your constituents foot the bill. It's high time we stopped spending more to merely entrench suffering.

Corvallis has deep reserves of caring folk who consistently choose to uplift one another instead of kicking each other when we're down. We come together out of an instinct for connection and mutual service, when needs become apparent. We deserve nothing less than that from our elected officials and their stewardship.

Nikolai Huiras, Health Care Aide

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From: Struthers, Andrew <andrew.struthers@corvallisoregon.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, July 13, 2021 10:24 AM
To: Mayor and City Council <MayorAndCouncil@corvallisoregon.gov>
Subject: Fw: Homeless clean up article

FYI...related to the agenda item on 7/19.

Andrew

Andrew Struthers
Councilor, Ward 9
Cell Phone: 541-974-7240
Andrew.Struthers@corvallisoregon.gov

From: Rebecca Goslow <becki.goslow@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 8, 2021 9:37 AM
To: Struthers, Andrew <andrew.struthers@corvallisoregon.gov>
Subject: Homeless clean up article

Andrew

I am asking as my ward rep to uphold the continued clean up of our homeless
As a citizen of Corvallis I do the following to support the homeless

1. Volunteer at the soup kitchen
2. Provide labor and support of the new homeless motel
3. Provide food to the food banks
4. Provide clothing, sleeping bags

I do not provide money

As a citizen, I get rev Jenn and her continued spirit to let the homeless alone. But, here's the deal A friend and I went for a bike ride down by the river. The place was over run with stench from poop, The debris of clothing remains, paper, cans, stench, along the bike path and river banks was horrifying. Port a potties are provided as well as shower facilities at shelters

A friend of mine, Deb Wray, Master gardener program, helped to clean up Central Park. She commented about needles-several, condoms, And much more Now, let's say I want to go for a stroll in our Central Park. Not! Nor, would I take my grandchildren. It is flat out unsafe. I've been at the library. And, the Language, filth, the smell of fresh piss,...Yes, the homeless are humans, And did support. But where are we drawing the line. Under covid regulations I felt the council did the right thing. Let the homeless camp wherever they want-this meant on the edge of residential areas. Literally behind peoples homes Homeless aren't stupid, even when 98.9 are mentally ill They don't want to be sick Our city is remarkable providing services, food, housing. The numbers have sky rocketed and the remains of homeless camp cleans up in the thousands, I think I saw 40,000 for park and rev to clean up I understand there is a new bill? Where the homeless can sue a city for removing their personal belongings. What? They don't pay taxes or contribute, but will now have the help of some attorney to sue a city. I commend our city for posting, its time to clean up camp. Move along Have u been to Salem or Portland lately? Lord. What a mess

I'm still under the plan to level the men's shelter and replace with a facility like the boys and girls club Providing sleeping facilities, a kitchen, more showers vs one and most importantly having health services run over the top I understand the homeless hotel will house 46? Homeless on plans My question and people have asked me- are any of the residents working some kind of minimal job? I understand the homeless living At the motel have had to go through a series of steps to get a room

The bottom line Andrew. Vote to continue clean up Last example. I went to a softball game at Avery park-

pioneer field I had to walk through a homeless trailer camp-which was resolved with permits. But, still. Why should People on our city be afraid to go to a park, worry about stepping in poop Or on a needle, condoms, left remains of clothing... Rev Jen needs to look at both sides of the issue. We all have our hearts in the right place. Perhaps what she should do is work on my idea of a central location for the men's shelter A double edge sword

Becki

From: Struthers, Andrew <andrew.struthers@corvallisoregon.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, July 13, 2021 10:26 AM
To: Mayor and City Council <MayorAndCouncil@corvallisoregon.gov>
Subject: Fw:

FYI...related to the agenda item on 7/19.

Andrew

Andrew Struthers
Councilor, Ward 9

From: Howard Macrum <howardmacrum@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 8, 2021 8:30 AM
To: Struthers, Andrew <andrew.struthers@corvallisoregon.gov>
Subject:

councilman struthers - please continue to support enforcing illegal camping laws...the removal of "homeless" camps about corvallis welcome...my great little city "returning" to pre-covid and pre-illegal camps so NICE!.. thank you, howie macrum 277 n e conifer #129 corvallis

-----Original Message-----

From: Patty <pattyjpcollins@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 12, 2021 9:39 AM
To: Mayor and City Council <MayorAndCouncil@corvallisoregon.gov>
Subject: Illegal camping

Why isn't the same concern for the homeless extended to those that have housing near their illegal camping sites? Why is it that our counselor that is suppose to represent us proposing to stop the cleanup and illegal camping without contacting the neighborhoods directly affected by this proposal? Why are the worries for the safety of our children and homes not taken into consideration? Fire, sanitation, drug dealings, piles of debris attracting rats are significant concerns for our neighborhood. Those need to be addressed and not just ignored. Since there is no provision to ameliorate these consequences of illegal camping the counsel should veto this motion.
Sincerely Patty Collins

From: John and Gretchen Morris <jgmorrishome@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, July 11, 2021 9:56 PM
To: Mayor and City Council <MayorAndCouncil@corvallisoregon.gov>
Subject: "Houselessness" in Corvallis

Dear Mayor Traber and Corvallis City Councilors,

My name is Gretchen Morris; I live at 6315 NW Ponderosa Drive in Corvallis (Ward 8).

I am writing to ask you to halt the sweeps of camps where unhoused people are living and sleeping until the city

and county create acceptable, sanctioned alternate spaces for these people to go. I realize that neighbors have legitimate concerns about some problems that these camps may cause. But it seems obvious that simply removing those unhoused persons from one place without providing some other, suitable, place for them to go is not a viable solution! Clearly, displacing and scattering vulnerable populations is an unacceptable violation of human rights. And this is especially so during a global pandemic and a summer in which we are experiencing the effects of climate change with record-breaking heat waves.

According to the city schedule, on July 14th another large number of humans will be "cleared" once again from the place they have sought refuge -- the Orleans area. This effort comes at your direction, implemented by the Parks & Recreation Department with the support of ODOT. May this be the last of these short-sighted movements in our community.

So I ask you to please support Councilor Charles Maughan's motion at your July 19 meeting to end the sweeps and work with community partners to create sanctioned, supported, camping.

Sincerely,
Gretchen Morris

John & Gretchen Morris
6315 NW Ponderosa Avenue
Corvallis, OR 97333
541-752-3214

From: Kristin Rorrer <kristin.rrorer1@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 11, 2021 6:25 PM
To: Mayor and City Council <MayorAndCouncil@corvallisoregon.gov>
Subject: In support of sanctioned, supported, camping for unhoused people in Corvallis

Mayor and Corvallis City Councilors,

My name is Kristin Rorrer and I live at 4002 NW Walnut Ct., Corvallis. I urge you to not perform or allow sweeps of camps where unhoused people are living and sleeping, and ask that the city and county create acceptable, sanctioned spaces for unhoused people to exist. Displacing and scattering vulnerable populations is an unacceptable violation of human rights. The pandemic has made finding housing more difficult for many, and the hot summer weather is creating very difficult living conditions for the unhoused.

Please support Councilor Maughan's motion at your July 19 meeting to end the sweeps and work with community partners to create sanctioned, supported, camping.
If there is time, please reconsider the July 14th plan to "clear" another group of people from the place they have sought refuge - the Orleans area.

Thank you for reading this.

Sincerely,
Kristin Rorrer

From: Emily Faltesek <ekfaltesek@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 11, 2021 5:46 PM
To: Mayor and City Council <MayorAndCouncil@corvallisoregon.gov>
Subject: in support of motion to stop housing sweeps

Dear Mayor and Corvallis City Councilors,

My name is Emily Faltesek and I live at 2928 NW Spurry Pl Corvallis OR 97330. The motion at the July 19th meeting to stop sweeping camps of unhoused people is important. Please support efforts to coordinate work between the city and community partners that work towards legal and safe options for camping. Stopping sweeps is an important place to change direction.

I watched a video of a camp clearing. I was so sad to see people being cleared from spaces that are their best attempt to survive. Everyone deserves a place to be. Their existence and being in Corvallis as a person should not be punished. It should be ok to say that certain places are not ok to camp, but there is not anywhere within their ability to go to in Corvallis. I want our city to do better. I support establishing legal and managed camping opportunities because houseless folks are always going to be part of the community.

I go to parks with my kids who are 4, 7, and 9. We love Corvallis' many parks. My older two kids went to nature preschool in Avery Park and went on hikes everyday. We walk on trails that pass camps built by houseless people and we are fine. We pay attention, give space and respect, and exercise normal situational awareness of being in a public shared space. (We are, in reality, likely more in danger from a few white men dressed in clothes of my own socioeconomic status who I would likely never specifically perceive as a threat, or people driving through red lights, or those failing to look for pedestrians in crosswalks when turning left when we walk around downtown.)

If any of my children were to grow up and find themselves without my support, lacking access to housing, experiencing mental health crisis or addiction, or absent those circumstances, simply trying to go to college without a rental history or sufficient income to pay for housing during school, I would at least want our city to let them set up a tent somewhere accessible by public transportation.

Thank you for considering these thoughts,

Emily

From: Steven Zielke <szielke9@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 11, 2021 3:27 PM
To: Mayor and City Council <MayorAndCouncil@corvallisoregon.gov>
Subject: Treating the unhoused with dignity in our community

Mayor and Corvallis City Councilors,

My name is Steven Zielke and I live in North Albany and work at Oregon State University and consider myself a member of the Corvallis community.

I find the sweeps of camps where unhoused people are living and sleeping to be inhumane and I support their stoppage until the city and county create acceptable, sanctioned spaces for people to exist. Displacing and scattering vulnerable populations is an unacceptable violation of human rights - especially during a global pandemic and a summer in which we are realizing the effects of climate change with record-breaking heat waves. I understand the difficulty of policy around this issue and that the camps cause many uncomfortable and angry. But the policy grows more simple when we put the safety and humanity of the individuals who live in these camps first in the discussion.

I am asking you to support Councilor Maughan's motion at your July 19 meeting to end the sweeps and work with

community partners to create sanctioned, supported, camping.

It is regrettable that you did not move on this motion at your last meeting. On July 14th, another large number of humans will be "cleared" once again from the place they have sought refuge - the Orleans area. This effort came from your direction, implemented by Parks & Rec with the support of ODOT. May this be the last of these short-sighted movements in our community.

Corvallis is a special community and deserves a thoughtful and innovative approach to our unhoused neighbors.

Regards,

Steven Zielke
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541.981.1778

From: ashley terry <ash-trey@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 11, 2021 3:11 PM
To: Mayor and City Council <MayorAndCouncil@corvallisoregon.gov>
Subject: Homelessness Camping

Good day to you. This is Ash, ward 9 resident. I saw that there was going to be discussion on enforcement of the no-camping ordinance. I'm no expert on homelessness and I also don't like the idea or sight of people living without basic accommodation for themselves or whatever they are dealing with materially, physically, or psychosocially. And I realize that is taxing on our collective resources. The internet tells me most people aren't willing to invest in the services that would alleviate the problem. **I am willing.** We're just hiding it by posting camps. Putting off a proper response because we don't have to see it in our public spaces. Until everyone can step up with compassionate, ethical ways to intervene and effect positive change in these peoples' lives, the least we can do is let them have a place undisturbed. Until we can force ourselves to deal with this problem, we need to keep staring it in the face, reminding us something must be done. I'll put my money where my mouth is if you raise taxes for this purpose, as long as that is done in a way that doesn't affect other low-income residents who already just scrape by after paying property taxes on an overvalued home and thus perpetuate the houselessness situation. ☹ If that just pays for a city clean-up crew to haul garbage off from the sites because all we really care about are the aesthetics, then... whatever, but it would be great to get services in there to do check-ins with these people. I honestly don't know what to do with the ones who want to live here with the "fuck society" ethos, but my understanding is they are in the minority. Inviting/inspiring change in the lives of many of the others will take patience and caring, but it starts by giving them the space to live.

On that note, if there IS anyone out there doing the "good work" at this point, I'd love to help in some way. I've been out of the loop since I don't attend all the council meetings anymore, but it was always such a hodge-podge of groups, it was difficult to get a bead on who was doing the right thing. This decision is made especially hard by things like when that church on West Hills gave people a place to squat and they took advantage of it. I am of two minds: outrage for my friend and his neighbors who live over there and were victimized, and pity (I guess) for the folks who are most likely just trying to feed their addiction and survive another day, as well as for the church who was trying to walk their talk. Ideally, I'd like to support whatever group could convince people to become more pro-social in general, from the unhoused addict to the jaded downtown business owner and the health/law enforcement (if that's what division is deemed necessary) official who can provide immediate alternatives to life in our communal city greenspaces.

Ashley Terry
503-502-6540

From: Barb Corden <barbcorden@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 11, 2021 2:40 PM
To: Mayor and City Council <MayorAndCouncil@corvallisoregon.gov>
Subject: CAMP CLEAN - UP

Dear Council Members,

Being a home owner and resident between the downtown & campus for nearly 25 years, and living along the "Homeless Highway" on SW 6th Street, I have observed and interacted with obviously unhealthy people, be it mental or physical, who are potentially dangerous to our neighborhood.

Not only are the camps a terrible eye - sore they feed the "Highway", leaving trash and other items in their wake, alarming residents and other folks who bring their family to the newly refurbished Central Park. That refurbishment was a direct result of the sometimes menacing presence of the unfortunate Homeless. Why would we spend City funds on such a project only to encourage Homeless folk to possibly reverse the strides that have been made?

The camps are not just an eyesore. They encourage trash piles which attract vermin. They can prevent Corvallis residents that come down to the Farmers Market or other Waterfront activities ,many times with children, from truly enjoying the path system that allows biking & walking around the southern end of the Waterfront.

I could really go on and on ... you all know this stuff. Please maintain the policy of clearing these camps up for the sake of a safer waterfront, downtown and Neighborhoods.

Cordially,

~Barbara Corden
660 SW Adams Avenue
541-740-6242

From: Bond Starker <maribond@msn.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 11, 2021 1:53 PM
To: Mayor and City Council <MayorAndCouncil@corvallisoregon.gov>
Subject: Homeless "sweeps"

Please see our attached letter regarding upcoming Council action on homeless camp "sweeps."

Thank you.

Bond and Marilyn Starker

Mayor and Corvallis City Councilors,

We are Bond and Marilyn Starker and we live at 4180 SW Brooklane Drive in Corvallis, just outside of the city limits, but we are taxpayers within the city. We are very concerned about the lives of the people who are living in tents and cobbled-together "shelters" in the city and the county. We also understand the necessity for our community to be a safe, healthy place for all residents. We were very upset to learn that homeless camps have been "swept" before COVID dangers have passed and were especially outraged that campers were removed with nowhere to go on one of the hottest days we have experienced in Corvallis. We believe that sweeps of camps where unhoused people are living and sleeping must stop until the city and county create acceptable, sanctioned spaces for people to exist. Displacing and scattering vulnerable populations is an unacceptable violation of human rights - especially during a global pandemic and a summer marked with record-breaking and ongoing heat waves.

Please support Councilor Maughan's motion at your July 19 meeting to end the sweeps and work with community partners, the county, and the state to create sanctioned, supported, camping.

It is regrettable that you chose not to move on this motion at your last meeting. On July 14th, another large number of humans will be "cleared" once again from the place they have sought refuge - the Orleans area. This effort came from your direction, implemented by Parks & Rec with the support of ODOT. We ask that this be the last of these short-sighted movements in our community and suggest that the funds used to move unhoused people be used more humanely and creatively. Some ideas include:

- Searching for and acquiring areas within the city and/or county that could accommodate "tiny houses" or tents
- Attempting to establish a closer cooperative relationship between the county, the state and our city to address this shared responsibility
- Funding mobile hygiene trailers and trash collection
- Forming a unit like the CAHOOTS program in Eugene
- Being certain that current social service providers and advisory groups be listened to, included, and supported in their efforts to help care for the homeless.
- Reaching out to businesses, their customers and clients, and others that are disturbed and impacted by the current situation, as resource providers to help address this critical issue.

We believe that all of these ideas have been considered but hopefully all of us are more aware of the urgency to take decisive action and can become more unified in doing so.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this difficult and urgent matter.

Sincerely,

Bond and Marilyn Starker

From: Mike Huntington <mchuntington@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 11, 2021 1:45 PM
To: Holzworth, Carla <Carla.Holzworth@corvallisoregon.gov>
Cc: Mike Huntington <mchuntington@gmail.com>
Subject: Housing capability

Dear Mayor Traber and Corvallis City Councilors,

My name is Mike Huntington. I live at 9083 NW Lessie Place in Corvallis.

Sweeps of camps where unhoused people are living and sleeping are inhumane, unjust, and must stop. Our city and county can create and have created acceptable, sanctioned spaces for people to exist. Displacing and scattering vulnerable populations is an unacceptable violation of human rights - especially during a global pandemic and a summer in which we are realizing the effects of climate change with record-breaking heat waves.

Please support Councilor Maughan's motion at your July 19 meeting to end the sweeps and work with community partners to create sanctioned, supported, camping.

It is regrettable that you chose not to move on this motion at your last meeting. On July 14th, another large number of humans will be "cleared" once again from the place they have sought refuge - the Orleans area. This effort came from your direction, implemented by Parks & Rec with the support of ODOT. May this be the last of these short-sighted movements in our community.

Sincerely,

Mike
541-829-1182

From: Hazel Lorane <lorane42@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 11, 2021 12:44 PM
To: Mayor and City Council <MayorAndCouncil@corvallisoregon.gov>
Cc: Napack, Jan <jan.napack@corvallisoregon.gov>
Subject: Unhoused community members

Mayor, City Councilors and staff,

My name is Hazel Stratton and I live at 2575 SW 49th St.,
Corvallis, OR.

Back in the 80s, Councilor Donnally suggested a safe, sanctioned camp for the homeless. Now, years later, the suggestion has again arisen. It is time to address the core cause and stop the mandatory moving of the homeless from camp to camp with no place else to go. What is happening is not fair to the unhoused, the business community downtown who are impacted and our community members and visitors who feel unsafe in our parks and even along our beautiful riverfront downtown. Please support Councilor Maughan's motion at the July 19 meeting to stop the sweeps and develop a safe camp for the houseless. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Hazel Stratton

From: Cyndy Kelchner <cyndy.kelchner@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 11, 2021 12:43 PM
To: Mayor and City Council <MayorAndCouncil@corvallisoregon.gov>
Subject: Please support Councilor Maughan - no more sweeps

To the Mayor and Corvallis City Councilors,

My name is Cyndy Kelchner and I've lived in Corvallis for 4 years. Sweeps of camps where unhoused people are living and sleeping simply must STOP until the city and county create acceptable, sanctioned spaces for people to exist.

Please support Councilor Maughan's motion at your July 19 meeting to end the sweeps and work with community partners to create sanctioned, supported camping. While I regret that you chose not to move on this motion at your last meeting, it is not too late to choose a new path for Corvallis that honors the basic humanity of everyone in our community. With your help, the planned "clearing" scheduled for July 14th can be the last of these short-sighted actions that hugely disrupt people's lives and solve nothing.

Regards,
Cyndy Kelchner
2096 NW Estaview Dr, Corvallis

From: Elaine La mour <laamazon9@icloud.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 11, 2021 11:52 AM
To: Mayor and City Council <MayorAndCouncil@corvallisoregon.gov>
Subject: Please consider....

Greetings,

My name is E. Lamour and I live on Bluestem Pl. in Corvallis.

If your mother or father were living in one of the homeless camps here in Corvallis, how would you look them and address their situation? What if it were you daughter or son? Would you use bulldozers to push their tents and lives around? What if they were on drugs, or had had a mental breakdown? How would you treat your loved?

The people living in homelessness are not garbage. They are humans! They need to be treated with the same respect you are affording the rich and housed folks in our town. How do you live with yourself when you decide to "clear" areas by shoving the homeless about, like a bully. I would think you would want to be on the cutting edge, the ground breaking team, that creates new ways to address this **growing** situation. Be a leader.

Don't push houseless people around, plan ahead. Support Councilor Maughan's motion to start with.

Homelessness is not going away. It's getting worse.

Do something for humanity's sake.

Thank you,
Elaine

From: Teresa Bodwell <tabodwell@outlook.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 11, 2021 11:48 AM
To: Mayor and City Council <MayorAndCouncil@corvallisoregon.gov>
Subject: Stop sweeping our unhoused neighbors

Mayor Traber and Corvallis City Councilors,
My name is Teresa Bodwell and I live on NW Tyler Ave in Corvallis. Sweeping of camps where unhoused people are living and sleeping must stop until the city and county create acceptable, sanctioned spaces for people to exist. Displacing and scattering vulnerable populations is an unacceptable violation of human rights - especially during a global pandemic and a summer in which we are realizing the effects of climate change with record-breaking heat waves. Please support Councilor Maughan's motion at your July 19 meeting to end the sweeps and work with community partners to create sanctioned, supported, camping. It is regrettable that you chose not to move on this motion at your last meeting. On July 14th, apparently another large number of humans will be "cleared" once again from the place they have sought refuge - the Orleans area. This effort came from your direction, it is inhumane and **MUST STOP**.

I implore your compassion and hope this is the last of these short-sighted movements in our community. Please work with our community partners to create sanctioned, supported camping.

Regards,

Teresa Bodwell, OTR/L

From: Nancy Klopfenstein <nklopfenstein@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, July 11, 2021 11:38 AM
To: Mayor and City Council <MayorAndCouncil@corvallisoregon.gov>
Subject: Homeless camp clearances

Mayor and Corvallis City Councilors,

My name is Nancy Klopfenstein and I live at 1399 NW Moselle Place, Corvallis. I'm not a Corvallis city voter but I do consider myself a member of the community because I work for The Corvallis Clinic as an RN care coordinator and see the effects of homelessness, addiction and poverty on the health of Corvallis residents on a daily basis. Please consider a moratorium on the sweeps of camps where unhoused people are living and sleeping until the city and county, along with community partners, can continue to create acceptable, sanctioned spaces for people to exist.

Please support Councilor Maughan's motion at your July 19 meeting to end the sweeps and work with community partners to create sanctioned, supported, camping. I would also ask that the planned "clearing" of the Orleans area on July 14th be delayed until after this vote, or better yet, cancelled completely.

Our community has made such good progress toward a more humane approach to helping these most vulnerable people since Safe Camp was established. I want to see this progress continue, but the clearing of these campsites, at your direction, implemented by Parks & Rec with the support of ODOT, is a huge step in the wrong direction in my opinion.

Thank you for your consideration.

Nancy Klopfenstein RN, BSN, CDCES
Nklopfenstein@comcast.net

From: Marilu Lovan <marilulovan@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 11, 2021 11:36 AM
To: Mayor and City Council <MayorAndCouncil@corvallisoregon.gov>
Subject: Unhoused neighbors

Mayor and Corvallis City Councilors,

My name is Marilu Lovan and I live at 2615 NW Ginseng Place in Corvallis. Sweeps of camps where unhoused people are living and sleeping must stop until the city and county create acceptable, sanctioned spaces for people to exist. Displacing and scattering vulnerable populations is an unacceptable violation of human rights - especially during a global pandemic and a summer in which we are realizing the effects of climate change with record-breaking heat waves.

Please support Councilor Maughan's motion at your July 19 meeting to end the sweeps and work with community partners to create sanctioned, supported, camping.

It is regrettable that you chose not to move on this motion at your last meeting. On July 14th, another large number of humans will be "cleared" once again from the place they have sought refuge - the Orleans area. This effort came from your direction, implemented by Parks & Rec with the support of ODOT. May this be the last of these short-sighted movements in our community.

I'd like to close with a quote from Shawn Collins: *The first step to a future without homelessness is acknowledging that when we displace our fellow humans without respecting the real needs we all share, we diminish not only them but ourselves. It's time we take that step.*

Regards, Marilu Lovan

-----Original Message-----

From: Sherri Gates <svgates8@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 11, 2021 11:21 AM
To: Mayor and City Council <MayorAndCouncil@corvallisoregon.gov>
Subject: Important Decision

Mayor and Corvallis City Councilors,

My name is Sherri Gates and I live in our fair city of Corvallis. Sweeps of camps where unhoused people are living and sleeping must stop until the city and county create acceptable, sanctioned spaces for people to exist. Displacing and scattering vulnerable populations is an unacceptable violation of human rights - especially during a global pandemic and a summer in which we are realizing the effects of climate change with record-breaking heat waves.

Please support Councilor Maughan's motion at your July 19 meeting to end the sweeps and work with community partners to create sanctioned, supported, camping.

It is regrettable that you chose not to move on this motion at your last meeting. Continuing to kick it down the road as you seem to do with the homeless. We are all in this together and one population does not continue to have to lose for you to win. We can all benefit here. On July 14th, another large number of humans will be "cleared" once again from the place they have sought refuge - the Orleans area. This effort came from your direction, implemented by Parks & Rec with the support of ODOT. May this be the last of these short-sighted movements in our community.

Respectfully,
Sherri Gates

From: Walter Balk <balkwf63@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 11, 2021 11:18 AM
To: Mayor and City Council <MayorAndCouncil@corvallisoregon.gov>
Subject: Camp Sweeps

Mayor and Corvallis City Councilors,

I am Walter Balk and I live on 410 S 30th Street in Philomath, OR. While not a resident of Corvallis, I regularly use the bike path into downtown Corvallis through Pioneer Park, around the Highway 34 Overpass and the BMX Park. I know that there are many unsheltered people in Corvallis, and I realize that the housing crisis emerging from the pandemic will make this critical situation even worse.

I believe, as you do too, that we need to find solutions to this crisis. However, "simply" sweeping the camps and hoping the unhoused will simply go away, does not work. The City of Corvallis has tried this approach numerous times. Besides not being successful, sweeps of camps where unhoused people are living and sleeping are not acceptable. They are a violation of human rights. Have you considered the impact it has on a human being when in the midst of record breaking temperatures they are "swept" away? And, where are they being swept to?

Therefore the City must stop the sweeps. It can and should partner with community partners to create sanctioned, supported, camping. Please support Councilor Maughan's motion at your July 19 meeting to end the sweeps and work with community partners to create sanctioned and supported camping. It is regrettable that you chose not to move on this motion at your last meeting. On July 14th, another large number of humans will be "cleared" once again from the place they have sought refuge - the Orleans area. This effort came from your direction, implemented by Parks & Rec with the support of ODOT. May this be the last of these short-sighted movements in our community.

Regards, Walter Balk

From: Ching-Yue Chi <chingyuechi@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 11, 2021 11:07 AM
To: Mayor and City Council <MayorAndCouncil@corvallisoregon.gov>
Subject: Camps

Mayor and Corvallis City Councilors,

My name is Ching-Yue Chi and I live at 2244 NW Maser Dr. Corvallis. Sweeps of camps where unhoused people are living and sleeping must stop until the city and county create acceptable, sanctioned spaces for people to exist. Displacing and scattering vulnerable populations is an unacceptable violation of human rights - especially during a global pandemic and a summer in which we are realizing the effects of climate change with record-breaking heat waves.

Please support Councilor Maughan's motion at your July 19 meeting to end the sweeps and work with community partners to create sanctioned, supported, camping.

It is regrettable that you chose not to move on this motion at your last meeting. On July 14th, another large number of humans will be "cleared" once again from the place they have sought refuge - the Orleans area. This effort came from your direction, implemented by Parks & Rec with the support of ODOT. May this be the last of these short-sighted movements in our community.

Regards,
Ching-Yue Chi

From: Linda Marie Zaerr <lzaerr@boisestate.edu>
Sent: Sunday, July 11, 2021 11:00 AM
To: Mayor and City Council <MayorAndCouncil@corvallisoregon.gov>
Subject: Camp Sweeps

Hello,

Please, please stop sweeping houseless people like refuse. Thank you for remembering compassion.

Sincerely,
Linda Marie Zaerr
Corvallis

From: Amanda La Bonte <otamanda@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 11, 2021 10:23 AM
To: Mayor and City Council <MayorAndCouncil@corvallisoregon.gov>
Subject: Concern and request for action

Mayor and Corvallis City Councilors,

My name is Amanda La Bonte and I live at 5055 NE Elliott cir sp 91, Corvallis, OR, 97330. I have called Corvallis home for most of my life. Sweeps of camps where unhoused people are living and sleeping must stop until the city and county create acceptable, sanctioned spaces for people to exist. Displacing and scattering vulnerable populations is an unacceptable violation of human rights - especially during a global pandemic and a summer in which we are realizing the effects of climate change with record-breaking heat waves.

Please support Councilor Maughan's motion at your July 19 meeting to end the sweeps and work with community partners to create sanctioned, supported, camping.

I am so disappointed that you chose not to move on this motion at your last meeting. On July 14th, another large number of humans will be "cleared" once again from the place they have sought refuge - the Orleans area. This effort came from your direction, implemented by Parks & Rec with the support of ODOT. May this be the last of these short-sighted movements in our community. Please do not repeat this mistake again.

Regards,
Amanda La Bonte, OTD, OTR/L, ECHM

From: Connie Eggers <connieeggers@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Sunday, July 11, 2021 10:17 AM
To: Mayor and City Council <MayorAndCouncil@corvallisoregon.gov>
Subject: Stop the sweeps now

Mayor and Corvallis City Councilors,

My name is Connie Eggers and I live in South Corvallis. Sweeps of camps where unhoused people are living and sleeping must stop until the city and county create acceptable, sanctioned spaces for people to exist. Displacing and scattering vulnerable populations is an unacceptable violation of human rights - especially during a global pandemic and a summer in which we are realizing the effects of climate change with record-breaking heat waves.

Please support Councilor Maughan's motion at your July 19 meeting to end the sweeps and work with community partners to create sanctioned, supported, camping.

It is regrettable that you chose not to move on this motion at your last meeting. On July 14th, another large number of humans will be "cleared" once again from the place they have sought refuge - the Orleans area. This effort came from your direction, implemented by Parks & Rec with the support of ODOT. May this be the last of these short-sighted movements in our community.

Regards,

Connie Eggers
3097 SE Midvale Drive
Corvallis, Oregon
97333

-----Original Message-----

From: Ken Fankhauser <cameramanken@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 11, 2021 9:48 AM
To: Mayor and City Council <MayorAndCouncil@corvallisoregon.gov>
Subject: Our community.

Mayor and Corvallis City Councilors,

My name is Ken Fankhauser and I live at 5440 SW Helen ave. The clearing out of camps where unhoused people are living and sleeping must stop. The city and county need to create acceptable, sanctioned spaces for people to exist. Displacing and scattering vulnerable populations is an unacceptable violation of human rights - especially during a global pandemic and a summer in which we are realizing the effects of climate change with record-breaking heat waves.

Please support Councilor Maughan's motion at your July 19 meeting to end the sweeps and work with community partners to create sanctioned, supported, camping. We can't go back and change what has happened but we can choose what we do now. On July 14th, another large number of humans will be "cleared" once again from the

place they have sought refuge - the Orleans area. This effort came from your direction, implemented by Parks & Rec with the support of ODOT. May this be the last of these short-sighted movements in our community.

Regards,
Ken Fankhauser

-----Original Message-----

From: Cathy Kerr <cgkerr11@icloud.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 11, 2021 9:32 AM
To: Mayor and City Council <MayorAndCouncil@corvallisoregon.gov>
Subject: Clean up of homeless camps

I live in downtown Corvallis and have experienced the change in our neighborhood with the camps nearby and with the camps removed. There is a vibrant residential community of families with children along 5th who are most affected by these changes. I support the cleanup of the camps.

I realize there are also families with children who are homeless and need a place to live and be safe. I have lived in Corvallis for 10 years now and am still waiting for the City to step up and address these problems. There is now a third group-HOPE- meeting monthly to address homelessness. And they are still meeting and meeting and the plight of the homeless has only grown and deepened. City of Corvallis, Mayor, Council People: do something even if you make a mistake but do SOMETHING! Learn from mistakes but keep taking action until we help every living soul who is unhoused.

Respectfully,
Cathy Kerr

From: Jody Eleveld <eleveld@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, July 11, 2021 9:23 AM
To: Mayor and City Council <MayorAndCouncil@corvallisoregon.gov>
Subject: Camp Sweeps

Mayor and Corvallis City Councilors,
My name is Jennifer Eleveld and I live at 277 NE Conifer Blvd, Unit 43.. Sweeps of camps where unhoused people are living and sleeping must stop until the city and county create acceptable, sanctioned spaces for people to exist. Displacing and scattering vulnerable populations is an unacceptable violation of human rights - especially during a global pandemic and a summer in which we are realizing the effects of climate change with record-breaking heat waves. Please support Councilor Maughan's motion at your July 19 meeting to end the sweeps and work with community partners to create sanctioned, supported, camping. It is regrettable that you chose not to move on this motion at your last meeting. On July 14th, another large number of humans will be "cleared" once again from the place they have sought refuge - the Orleans area. This effort came from your direction, implemented by Parks & Rec with the support of ODOT. May this be the last of these short-sighted movements in our community.

Regards,
Jennifer Eleveld

From: Abigail Sperling <abi.sperling@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 11, 2021 9:14 AM
To: Mayor and City Council <MayorAndCouncil@corvallisoregon.gov>
Subject: Clearing of the Unhoused

Mayor and Corvallis City Councilors,

My name is Abigail Sperling and I live at Oak Vale apartments on Witham Hill. Sweeps of camps where unhoused people are living and sleeping must stop until the city and county create acceptable, sanctioned spaces for people to exist. Displacing and scattering vulnerable populations is an unacceptable violation of human rights - especially during a global pandemic and a summer in which we are realizing the effects of climate change with record-breaking heat waves.

Please support Councilor Maughan's motion at your July 19 meeting to end the sweeps and work with community partners to create sanctioned, supported, camping.

It is regrettable that you chose not to move on this motion at your last meeting. On July 14th, another large number of humans will be "cleared" once again from the place they have sought refuge - the Orleans area. This effort came from your direction, implemented by Parks & Rec with the support of ODOT. May this be the last of these short-sighted movements in our community.

Regards,
Abigail

From: Notification.Services@corvallisoregon.gov <Notification.Services@corvallisoregon.gov>
Sent: Sunday, July 11, 2021 2:06 PM
To: Holzworth, Carla <Carla.Holzworth@corvallisoregon.gov>
Cc: Shepard, Mark <Mark.Shepard@corvallisoregon.gov>; Rollens, Patrick <Patrick.Rollens@corvallisoregon.gov>
Subject: PUBLIC INPUT - Homeless camp cleanup
RECEIVED: 7/11/2021 2:06:20 PM
NAME/ADDRESS: Randy Hjort, 1206 SW 15th St.
CONTACT (if any):
TOPIC: Homeless camp cleanup
MEETING DATE:

I want to express my appreciation to the City of Corvallis for cleaning up the homeless camps near the Mary's River. I live near Avery Park and walk my dog daily. I am glad that I can now use the bike paths more frequently without worrying about what my dog will find to eat. In the past, she has gotten sick from cigarette butts, an unknown drug and possibly, old discarded food. I understand that the homeless need shelter during our rain season. The thing that frustrates me is the trash and junk that accumulates around their campsites. This makes the tents even more of an eyesore and I'm sure that the costly cleanup is a difficult and unpleasant task for the city employees. Again, Thank you for cleaning things up. If I may offer a small suggestion, is there a way to make the homeless responsible for maintaining their own area? The threat of losing their 'spot' might keep the trash from accumulating and reduce the cost of a spring clean up.

Keep up the good work!
Randy Hjort

From: Jane Barth <jbbarth@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, July 12, 2021 10:26 AM
To: Mayor and City Council <MayorAndCouncil@corvallisoregon.gov>
Subject: RE: stop sweeping camps

Dear Mayor and Corvallis City Councilors,

My name is Jane Barth and I live at 3415 NW Hayes Ave. Sweeps of camps where unhoused people are living and sleeping must stop until the city and county create acceptable, sanctioned spaces for people to exist. Displacing and scattering vulnerable populations is an unacceptable violation of human rights - especially during a global pandemic and a summer in which we are realizing the effects of climate change with record-breaking heat waves.

Please support Councilor Maughan's motion at your July 19 meeting to end the sweeps and work with community partners to create sanctioned, supported, camping. I have empathy for local business owners who are experiencing challenges resulting from undesirable behavior by a small subset of individuals. I also respect the concerns of local citizens, especially parents of younger children, who are fearful to be in parts of their community due to the existence of unmanaged camps. It is a complex challenge to create and implement effective, long-term solutions that will meet the needs of the many stakeholders in our community. While we seek ways to provide more affordable housing and social services for all citizens living here, we must prioritize treating all individuals humanely. Forcing people to move and leave behind their belongings just perpetuates the problem. Individuals who are unhoused and camping in the areas being swept will simply set up camp elsewhere. These new places will have less access to basic hygiene necessities of porta-potties and dumpsters that have been available to them in the more central areas and also at parks. They often will be in wooded areas where risk of fire during this incredibly hot and dry season is very real. If we don't provide basic services in stable locations, we are only increasing the safety, sanitation and health problems that citizens are afraid of. To me, it makes incredible sense for the City to choose one or more public spaces for managed camping as soon as possible.

It is regrettable that you chose not to move the motion to stop sweeps at your last meeting. On July 14th, another large number of humans will be "cleared" once again from the place they have sought refuge - the Orleans area. This effort came from your direction, implemented by Parks & Rec with the support of ODOT. May this be the last of these short-sighted movements in our community.

Regards,
Jane B. Barth

From: Napack, Jan <jan.napack@corvallisoregon.gov>
Sent: Monday, July 12, 2021 10:54 AM
To: Mayor and City Council <MayorAndCouncil@corvallisoregon.gov>
Cc: Holzworth, Carla <Carla.Holzworth@corvallisoregon.gov>
Subject: Fw: Homeless clean up

Forwarding.

Jan Napack
Ward 1 Corvallis City Council
541-745-5335 (mobile / text)

From: James Rainey <jamesrainey@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, July 12, 2021 10:52 AM
To: Napack, Jan <jan.napack@corvallisoregon.gov>
Cc: David Livingston <davidlivingston@exchangenet.net>; John H. Detweiler <detweij@peak.org>
Subject: Homeless clean up

Councilor Napack,

I applaud the city and state teaming up to clear much of the city from the sprawling encampments. I appreciate being able to walk through public areas and not be accosted by the smell of human waste, the inevitable piles of trash and the evidence of stolen property around the camps (like who has 5 parted out bike frames around their house?). I understand that some councilors are getting wobbly and want the city to relax its policy. I urge you to hold the line and vote for a cleaner Corvallis. My position is that if the councilor feels that homeless should camp, let them set the example by offering up their yards and property rather than public space.

Regards,
James Rainey

-----Original Message-----

From: Jason Xander <j.xander.w@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, July 12, 2021 3:26 PM

To: Mayor and City Council <MayorAndCouncil@corvallisoregon.gov>

Subject: Keep cleaning up illegal camps

Hello Mayor and Council,

For the first time in a very long time I was able to bring my children to the skate park and BMX park recently. Before now, My kids were scared to go and frankly I was very uncomfortable- until now. It is so nice to enjoy the city amenities that we tax payers pay for per there intended use.

The day we went one week ago there were families and people picnicking and enjoying the amenities.

Homelessness is of a concern for all but it is not my job as a tax payer to fix this problem. I support a robust parks and recreation so that I can live in a healthy town with opportunities for our youth and families to enjoy. These camps should absolutely be cleaned up and immediately.

It is not the cities obligation to ensure that every person in Corvallis has a place to live. It is the cities job to enforce trespass laws and ensure safety, clean water and open parks that the citizens pay for.

We can support transition housing, shelters and mental health but we must stop letting our park lands go to anyone who wanders thru town.

We would all love to see homelessness have a solution and I will support programs funded by all level of government to assist those in need but we cannot continue to let public land become camps or dumps. If we cannot clean up the camps then I insist we close the parks. Erect permanent shelters with real bathrooms and give tax payers a rebate on the skate park and BMX track. If you do this than you might as well tell families looking for a nice community to raise their kids to just move along because there will be nothing here for them.

Thank you for your service to the community.
Sincerely,
Jason Alexander Walsh

Mayor and Corvallis City Councilors,

We are Bob and Judy Hannigan and live at 1820 NW Hawthorn Pl.

Sweeps of camps where unhoused people are living must stop! When the city has created acceptable, sanctioned spaces for the unhoused to live, we could support prevention of unsanctioned housing. Displacing and scattering vulnerable populations is an unacceptable violation of human rights. To do so during a global pandemic and a summer in which we are realizing the effects of climate change with record-breaking heat waves is inhuman and unbelievable.

Councilor Maughan has a motion for action at your July 19 meeting to end sweeps and with community partners, create sanctioned, supported camping. PLEASE SUPPORT THE MOTION. It is regrettable that you chose not to move on this motion at your last meeting. On July 14th, another large group of humans will be "cleared" once again from the place that have sought refuge--the Orleans area. This effort came from your direction, implemented by Parks and Rec with the support of ODOT. May this be the last of these short-sighted movements in our community.

Regards,
Bob and Judy Hannigan

From: Aleita Hass-Holcombe <aleita@cmug.com>
Sent: Monday, July 12, 2021 11:29 PM
To: Mayor and City Council <MayorAndCouncil@corvallisoregon.gov>
Subject: Sweeps

Mayor and Corvallis City Councilors,

My name is Aleita Hass-Holcombe and I live at 2022 NW Myrtlewood Way. Sweeps of camps where unhoused people are living and sleeping must stop until the city and county create acceptable, sanctioned spaces for people to exist. Displacing and scattering vulnerable populations is an unacceptable violation of human rights - especially during a global pandemic and a summer in which we are realizing the effects of climate change with record-breaking heat waves.

Please support Councilor Maughan's motion at your July 19 meeting to end the sweeps and work with community partners to create sanctioned, supported, camping.

It is regrettable that you chose not to move on this motion at your last meeting. On July 14th, another large number of humans will be "cleared" once again from the place they have sought refuge - the Orleans area. This effort came from your direction, implemented by Parks & Rec with the support of ODOT. May this be the last of these short-sighted movements in our community.

Regards,
Aleita

From: Ann and John Hawkins <ajhawkins@peak.org>
Sent: Tuesday, July 13, 2021 2:44 PM
To: Mayor and City Council <MayorAndCouncil@corvallisoregon.gov>
Subject: Sweeping of area for houseless folks

Mayor and Corvallis City Councilors,

Our names are Ann and John Hawkins, and we reside 2910 NW Taft Ave. It is disturbing to read of the sweeps of camps where unhoused people are living and sleeping. Where will these folks go? Where are they expected to

go? There is a moral imperative that these sweeps stop until the city and county create acceptable, sanctioned spaces for people to exist. It is time to respond to our highest calling as individuals to care for one another, and displacing vulnerable populations is an unacceptable violation of human rights. This is a particularly dangerous time given the ongoing pandemic and a summer that is breaking all state records for high temperatures.

Please support Councilor Maughan's motion at your July 19 meeting to end the sweeps and work with community partners to create sanctioned, supported, camping.

It is disappointing that you did not take positive action on the motion presented at your last meeting. On July 14th, another large number of folks will be "cleared" once again from the Orleans area. This effort came from your direction, implemented by Parks & Rec, with the support of ODOT. How is this taking care of "the least of these?" Our cities, states, and country are failing so many people. Who will be courageous, do the right thing, take the first step, and light the way for others to follow?

Ann and John Hawkins
2910 NW Taft Ave., 97330
541-752-5146

-----Original Message-----

From: Ellen Storm <ellenstorm@rocketmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 13, 2021 9:24 PM
To: Mayor and City Council <MayorAndCouncil@corvallisoregon.gov>
Subject: We can do better...

Mayor and Corvallis City Councilors,

My name is Ellen C Storm and I live at 4205 SW 53rd St in Corvallis, OR 97333.
Sweeps of camps where unhoused people are living and sleeping must stop until the city and county create acceptable, sanctioned spaces for people to exist.
Displacing and scattering vulnerable populations is an unacceptable violation of human rights---especially during a global pandemic and a summer in which we are realizing the effects of climate change with record-breaking heat waves.

Please support Councilor Maughan's motion at your July 19 meeting to end the sweeps and work with community partners to create sanctioned, supported, camping.

It is regrettable that you chose not to move on this motion at your last meeting.
On July 14th, another large number of humans will be "cleared" once again from the place they have sought refuge--the Orleans area.
This effort came from your direction, implemented by Parks & Rec with the support of ODOT.
May this be the last of these short-sighted movements in our community.

Thank you.
Ellen C Storm

From: earlhadfield <earlhadfield@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, July 14, 2021 8:33 AM
To: Mayor and City Council <MayorAndCouncil@corvallisoregon.gov>
Subject: CESSATION

Mayor and Corvallis City Councilors,

My name is Earl Hadfield and I live at 1850 NW Woodland Dr. Sweeps of camps where unhoused people are living

and sleeping must stop until the city and county create acceptable, sanctioned spaces for people to exist. Displacing and scattering vulnerable populations is an unacceptable violation of human rights - especially during a global pandemic and a summer in which we are realizing the effects of climate change with record-breaking heat waves. Please support Councilor Maughan's motion at your July 19 meeting to end the sweeps and work with community partners to create sanctioned, supported, camping.

It is regrettable that you chose not to move on this motion at your last meeting. On July 14th, another large number of humans will be "cleared" once again from the place they have sought refuge - the Orleans area. This effort came from your direction, implemented by Parks & Rec with the support of ODOT. May this be the last of these short-sighted movements in our community.

Regards,
Earl A. Hadfield II

From: A. Capulet <abcapulet@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 14, 2021 10:08 AM
To: Mayor and City Council <MayorAndCouncil@corvallisoregon.gov>
Subject: Stop the sweeps

Mayor and Corvallis City Councilors,

My name is Avonlea Capulet and I live at 1320 SE Crystal Lake Drive in Corvallis. Sweeps of camps where unhoused people are living and sleeping must stop until the city and county create acceptable, sanctioned spaces for people to exist. Displacing and scattering vulnerable populations is an unacceptable violation of human rights - especially during a global pandemic and a summer in which we are realizing the effects of climate change with record-breaking heatwaves.

Please support Councilor Maughan's motion at your July 19th meeting to end the sweeps and work with community partners to create sanctioned, supported, camping.

It is regrettable that you chose not to move on this motion at your last meeting. On July 14th, another large number of humans will be "cleared" once again from the place they have sought refuge - the Orleans area. This effort came from your direction, implemented by Parks & Rec with the support of ODOT. May this be the last of these short-sighted movements in our community.

Regards,
Avonlea Capulet

From: Jessica Groom <jessgroom1@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 14, 2021 10:27 AM
To: Mayor and City Council <MayorAndCouncil@corvallisoregon.gov>
Subject: support for motion to end sweeps of unhoused individuals

My name is Jessica Groom. I live in South Corvallis. I am writing to request that you support Councilor Maughan's motion this week to end the sweeps of unhoused people until you have worked with community partners to successfully create sanctioned, supported camping. Displacing and scattering these homeless citizens without providing a supportive place for them to move to is unacceptable. It greatly increases the health and hygiene risks to themselves and others. I know that the HOPE Board and the Corvallis City Council have talked about moving swiftly to identify space for sanctioned, supported camping. Please do so -- and do not carry out any more sweeps until that has occurred.

Thank you for your work.

-Jessica Groom

From: Political Action NAACP Corvallis-Albany <political.naacpcorvallisalbany@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, July 14, 2021 10:57 AM
To: Mayor and City Council <MayorAndCouncil@corvallisoregon.gov>
Subject: Re: Sweeps of unhoused camps

Mayor and Corvallis City Councilors,

My name is Susan Leonard and I live at 1415 Park Terrace SW in Albany. Sweeps of camps where unhoused people are living and sleeping must stop until the city and county create acceptable, sanctioned spaces for people to exist. Displacing and scattering vulnerable populations is an unacceptable violation of human rights - especially during a global pandemic and a summer in which we are realizing the effects of climate change with record-breaking heat waves.

Please support Councilor Maughan's motion at your July 19 meeting to end the sweeps and work with community partners to create sanctioned, supported, camping.

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Regards,
Susan Leonard

From: Sammy Storm <stormgirl84@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 15, 2021 6:09 AM
To: Mayor and City Council <MayorAndCouncil@corvallisoregon.gov>
Subject: Houseless camps

Dear policy-makers--

My name is Sammy Storm, and I live at 346 SW Butterfield Pl in Corvallis.

As I watched a couple of "street people" panhandling downtown grow to hundreds of houseless folks camped in plain sight all over the city, I assumed they were being helped by someone--the city, the county, perhaps some churches.

Well, I was wrong. This pandemic brought some mercy to these folks: the trailer camp, the Congregational Church encampment that evolved to tiny houses, the addition of three tiny houses to the cold-weather shelter. When the large garbage trailer appeared at the skate park area, I cheered. A step in the right direction, I thought, a place for all those people to put their waste products.

But I soon realized my mistake when city employees swept the camps earlier this month, throwing the campers' possessions into that same dumpster. The pandemic is over, everything goes back to "normal."

Where did they go and who is helping them now? "Don't know (and don't care)". is the answer I hear from everyone. Even those who do care are stumped at this city's complete lack of empathy.

Don't tell me they are houseless because they do drugs. Addiction is a disease that must be treated. Don't tell me they are crazy. Schizophrenia, PTSD, Bipolar are all diseases that must be treated. Don't tell me they are lazy and don't want to work. Nobody sets out in life to lose their job and home because of a sickness that overpowered US health systems. And for God's sake don't tell me they are out there because they like to camp.

Just listen to yourself. Then think back to the city-wide/country-wide chaos, the personal upheaval, of the last 16 months. Imagine you are trying to cope with all that while living in a tent and sleeping in a dirty sleeping bag. Then one day the city and state transportation people show up and take even that away from you and tell you to "move on."

These folks are not going to get well by moving on. They need our help to climb back to a place where their issues receive immediate attention, and they live in a safe, warm and clean abode. Just like you.

Please help them. Tell me how I can help them. Please!

Sincerely,
Sammy Storm

From: Traber, Biff <Biff.Traber@corvallisoregon.gov>
Sent: Thursday, July 15, 2021 1:44 PM
To: Ted Rockwell <tlrockwell@gmail.com>
Cc: Mayor and City Council <MayorAndCouncil@corvallisoregon.gov>
Subject: Re: Issue of homeless camp cleanup

Ted

Thanks for your thoughts on this matter. I am forwarding to the city council so they can see them as well.
Biff

Biff Traber
Mayor, Corvallis

From: Ted Rockwell <tlrockwell@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 15, 2021 12:34:29 PM
To: Traber, Biff <Biff.Traber@corvallisoregon.gov>
Subject: Issue of homeless camp cleanup

Dear Mayor Traber:

I am writing you to share my opinions regarding what actions I see as appropriate for the City of Corvallis to take regarding the homeless camping and campsites spread out around Corvallis. To the point, I am in favor of Corvallis actively engaging with homeless camps.

There is a great deal of rhetoric around Corvallis that begins with the assertion that Corvallis, as a community, is either lacking or depauperate in compassion; I do not see this community that way at all. I believe that if one opens one's eyes and thinks critically, not emotionally, one will see an extremely compassionate Corvallis. As I understand our community budgets over one million dollars to the issues of homelessness. (Budgets could be made more accessible to answering questions like: how much do we spend on the issue of homelessness; that is a different issue though.) This is a sizable amount for the size of our community. In addition we know that there are other groups that are also directing resources toward the issues of homeless in Corvallis; the point is that we do not lack compassion, but rather we are addressing a large problem that we, alone cannot solve. The homeless issues pervade the entire country and most of the world. They aren't easy to fix because they involve people making choices and decisions. Corvallis is a small town and is spending above its weight on assistance for the homeless.

All communities, including Corvallis, establish boundaries of acceptable behavior and limits of tolerance for actions within the community. People being homeless are, and should be, transient to the community; being without a home should never be a permanent situation. We need to provide support to the people and cushion their current state of being, but we cannot enable destructive behavior. One hears: "the homeless will always be with us.." put forth as a justification for doing nothing; it is definitely not. Being homeless is not a permanent address for people,

it is a position they are in and need to be moving past as they move forward with their lives. Perhaps we need to look at how efficient we are at channeling our offered aid to people who are homeless and how effective that aid is in moving people along in their lives beyond homelessness.

We need to keep in mind that there are two LARGE aspects to the issues around homeless camps: First, PEOPLE are involved, and we need to be always working for the health and safety of all the people, whether home owners or not; and Second, waste sites established by people who are homeless, waste sites that are a hazard to the health and safety of the entire community. First we do the best that we can to provide for the people's needs of the community and then we look at the physical actions we need to take to assure those needs are met in a safe and healthful way.

All communities, including Corvallis, establish boundaries of acceptable behavior and limits of tolerance for actions within the community. Our community rightfully desires to be a place free of long lasting piles of garbage, filth, and crime and it is appropriate that our community police itself, continually and routinely cleaning up the detritus that accumulates over time so that the community can live as we desire, paid for by taxes and fees. When a building is left in disrepair, moldering, and becoming a hazard to the community, the community has established procedures to act in the community's best interest. The hazard can be condemned and removed if the owner does not correct the situation. Homeless camps are no exception to the need to meet community standards and be kept clean, including condemnation and removal. We have existing laws and regulations which should be enforced as intended, routinely, and without malice aforethought. It is not vindictive for the community to remove a pile of rubbish, it is in the best health and safety of the community. Continuing to allow people to live in the squalor of homeless camps is not the best interest of the community. If we do not act to implement our community standards by eliminating the waste sites, we are enabling an undesirable condition to continue eroding the living conditions of the entire community.

We need to cleanup the mess and return all of Corvallis to all of the community to live, work, shop, and play in safety and health. I encourage you and the Council to reinforce the established community standards we have set in Corvallis Ordinance, State Law, and Federal Law. I encourage funding for the PEOPLE component of this issue be maintained such that we can continue to offer the services we currently offer, recognizing that it is the best we can do to mitigate a problem that is much larger than Corvallis. I encourage funding maintained to implement complete, routine monitoring of waste sites that have been in existence for 15 days or more, and removal of waste sites, if not self-cleaning, after 30 days.

I would be glad to discuss this further if it would help.

Yours truly,
Ted Rockwell
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TLROCKWELL@gmail.com
907.841.6635

-----Original Message-----

From: Email <skuby1@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, July 15, 2021 1:58 PM
To: Mayor and City Council <MayorAndCouncil@corvallisoregon.gov>
Subject: Supporting Houseless People in Corvallis

Dear Mayor Biff Traber & City Council Members:

I urge you to take the following actions to support houseless people living in Corvallis:

- 1) Stop clearing camping sites while there is no appropriate place for them to camp.
- 2) Create legal camping sites, such as Safe Camp.

It seems that the process now being used is not changing the houseless situation. Until people have a stable place to live and receive services change will not occur. I know this is a challenging issue and I hope that everyone, including business owners, houseless folks, social service staff, community members and others can truly work together.

Thank you,

Tammy Skubinna
1868 NW Lance Way
Corvallis, OR 97330
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Skuby1@comcast.net

From: Allison Hobgood <allison.hobgood@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 15, 2021 2:28 PM
To: Mayor and City Council <MayorAndCouncil@corvallisoregon.gov>
Subject: supporting belonging, health, and equity for unhoused neighbors
Dear Mayor Traber and Corvallis City Councilors,

My name is Allison Hobgood, and I live here in Corvallis. I am also the Executive Director of the Corvallis Daytime Drop-in Center (CDDC) supporting people in extreme poverty.

Sweeps of camps where unhoused people are living and sleeping must stop until the city and county create acceptable, sanctioned spaces for people to exist and significantly amplify affordable housing.

Displacing and scattering vulnerable populations is an unacceptable violation of human rights - especially during a global pandemic and a summer in which we are realizing the effects of climate change with record-breaking heat waves.

Please support Councilor Maughan's motion at your July 19 meeting to end the sweeps and work with community partners to create sanctioned, supported, camping. It is regrettable that you chose not to move on this motion at your last meeting.

I would also ask that you deeply consider Shawn Collins's (Unity Shelter) recent missive regarding alternative versions of legal camping options for our unhoused neighbors. We have innovative possibilities even as we figure out how to mobilize managed camping.

Yesterday and today, another large number of humans have been "cleared" once again from the place they have sought refuge - the Orleans area. This effort came from your direction, implemented by Parks & Rec with the support of ODOT. May this be the last of these short-sighted movements in our community.

It is also sad to report that the number of individuals who are able to access support services at CDDC has dropped sharply--almost in half!--since the sweeps began in earnest last month. For some folks, CDDC is their only lifeline, and being displaced by sweeps means they have lost their most key community support network. We are the first step in helping people journey out of poverty, and it is a travesty that folks cannot reach us when they are in dire need.

Thanks for your thoughtful consideration, Allison Hobgood

Dr. Allison P. Hobgood, Executive Director, Corvallis Daytime Drop-in Center
530 SW 4th Street Corvallis, Oregon 97330 c: 404-825-4524 <http://corvallisddc.org/home>

From: Olson, Rebecca <Rebecca.Olson@oregonstate.edu>

Sent: Thursday, July 15, 2021 2:37 PM

To: Mayor and City Council <MayorAndCouncil@corvallisoregon.gov>

Subject: Stop the camp sweeps

Mayor and Corvallis City Councilors,

My name is Rebecca Olson and I live at 3334 SE Summerfield Drive. Sweeps of camps where unhoused people are living and sleeping must stop until the city and county create acceptable, sanctioned spaces for people to exist. Displacing and scattering vulnerable populations is an unacceptable violation of human rights - especially during a global pandemic and a summer in which we are realizing the effects of climate change with record-breaking heat waves.

Please support Councilor Maughan's motion at your July 19 meeting to end the sweeps and work with community partners to create sanctioned, supported, camping.

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Regards,

Rebecca

-----Original Message-----

From: Roberta Smith <robertasmith2@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, July 16, 2021 9:57 AM

To: Mayor and City Council <MayorAndCouncil@corvallisoregon.gov>

Subject: Stop the sweeps of camps of unhoused people

Dear Mayor and City Councilor Maughan,

I live at 118NW Jackson and my name is Roberta Smith.

Sweeps of camps where unhoused people are living and sleeping must stop until the city and county create acceptable, sanctioned spaces for people to exist. Displacing and scattering vulnerable populations is an unacceptable violation of human rights - especially during a global pandemic and a summer where we are realizing the effects of climate change with record-breaking heat waves.

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Regards, Roberta K Smith

From: jeremy.colson@wavelengthreferences.com <jeremy.colson@wavelengthreferences.com>
Sent: Friday, July 16, 2021 12:24 PM
To: Mayor and City Council <MayorAndCouncil@corvallisoregon.gov>
Subject: Letter in opposition to Camp Sweeps

Mayor and Corvallis City Councilors,

My name is Jeremy Colson and I live at 3334 SE Summerfield Drive, Corvallis. Sweeps of camps where unhoused people are living and sleeping must stop until the city and county create acceptable, sanctioned spaces for people to exist. Displacing and scattering vulnerable populations is an unacceptable violation of human rights - especially during a global pandemic and a summer in which we are realizing the effects of climate change with record-breaking heat waves.

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Regards,
Jeremy Colson

From: Holzworth, Carla <Carla.Holzworth@corvallisoregon.gov>
Sent: Friday, July 16, 2021 1:14 PM
To: Mayor and City Council <MayorAndCouncil@corvallisoregon.gov>
Cc: Bilotta, Paul <Paul.Bilotta@corvallisoregon.gov>
Subject: FW: PUBLIC INPUT - Homeless Camp Postings
RECEIVED: 7/16/2021 1:12:24 PM
NAME/ADDRESS: Cindy Frost, 1115 SE Crystal Lake Drive
CONTACT (if any):
TOPIC: Homeless Camp Postings
MEETING DATE: 7/19/2021

City Council Members:

Writing to you is Cindy Frost, Site Manager for Hollingsworth & Vose Manufacturing here in Corvallis. I wish to offer my support, in continuing to move forward, toward your progressive initiatives which address the houseless in Corvallis. As a city business, we suffered last year with a significant increase in trespass, theft, graffiti and small fires. The difference now, as opposed to last year, would be when I contact city staff members they respond with action. They no longer express a "victim" mentality; a result of the Pandemic induced rules. The City Staff need you to continue to lead the city forward; lead the city toward the houseless strategic vision. Spend your time, energy and limited resources in this area.

The collective we, which reside within the Downtown Core and South Town, do not need a redo loop of 2020. An atmosphere of hope now circles the area. I actually see children riding bikes in the BMX Park. I actually walked down town. Are the posting of camps a perfect solution. No. But perfect solutions do not reside in any business. Do not become disheartened. Our job as leaders is to have a vision, establish the strategic plan and execute on the pathway of this strategic plan. Progress

will occur.

I encourage you to continue in your unity and courage; pull the city forward through this controversial issue.

Cindy Frost

-----Original Message-----

From: Steve Germaneri <sgermaneri@gmail.com>

Sent: Friday, July 16, 2021 3:21 PM

To: Mayor and City Council <MayorAndCouncil@corvallisoregon.gov>

Subject: Homeless/Drug Camping

Mayor and Council Members,

I write to you to share my concerns for the safety and livability of my neighborhood just off of the downtown. Charles Maughan our city council representative whose primary job responsibility is to represent our needs and concerns has decided with no communication with those he represents that continuing illegal camping throughout our neighborhood is OK. For the past year plus we have had numerous camps just over our backyard fence. These are not homeless folks down on their luck but rather drug campers that are choosing the camping lifestyle thanks to the tolerant nature of the city towards this population. This has resulted in thievery throughout the neighborhood (I have had probably close to \$500 in lumber stolen off my property), trash piling up creating health problems, rat infestations, hypodermic needles discarded randomly, children not safe in their front yards (had a drug camper try to coax an 11 year old girl back to his camp area). Have noticed a big change for the better since the camps were cleaned out and now our City Council representative Charles Maughan wants to take us back to that! Not sure if Charles has a clue how the people he was elected to represent feel since as I said I have talked to no one in the neighborhood that Charles has sought information or concerns from. So we are depending on other council members to represent our needs. The primary role of the city government is to provide safety and a livable environment for its citizens..... not to enable drug campers to continue their destructive behaviors and basically terrorize a neighborhood. I have read the HOPE report/recommendations and believe there is real positive solutions/ideas there...I hope the city can pursue those ideas. I have heard many leaders of the faith community pulling on peoples heart strings to show compassion towards the homeless I agree but we need to be careful with these drug campers we don't confuse compassion with enabling. I would suggest to the faith community start offering your backyard before you offer mine. Thank you for your consideration for protecting our neighborhood.

If you have any questions please call or email.....

Steve Germaneri. 541 758-6021

-----Original Message-----

From: CAROLINE FLAMEZ <magik1@q.com>

Sent: Friday, July 16, 2021 4:42 PM

To: Mayor and City Council <MayorAndCouncil@corvallisoregon.gov>

Subject: homeless camp clean up

I wanted to add my input to the decision to not clean up these camps....we can't just sit on hands and let our community become a disaster. As it states we as tax payers expect that our city will fulfill its obligation to provide us a safe and livable community for all of us. the homeless population need a

place to go not just tents and false promises its been way too long that the council has sat on its hands and expected someone else to do the job. Wake up and do yours

We appreciate the work that the HOPE organization has done and we support their recommendations It is the primary responsibility of the city to provide a safe and livable environment We as taxpayers expect that our city will fulfill its obligation to provide us safety and livability To stop the sweep of cleaning up illegal campsites would be a step backward.

Since the cleanups have taken place our neighborhoods have noticed a marked improvement in livability and safety The motion that was suggested at the July 6th meeting does not reflect the concerns of many of the Ward 2 residents who are the most affected by the unintentional consequences of illegal campsites There is disappointment among our neighbors that our city council representative has not reached out to get our views and concerns before making this motion.

Dealing with an unhoused population that would welcome a managed camp is the polar opposite of dealing with an illegal drug camper population which is what Ward 2 has mostly experienced. By this we mean that there are many campers who would not want to be in any camp situation that imposes rules and guidelines.

We do not want to go back to having people camping on the other side of our property lines and having to deal with sanitation issues, trash all over, rat infestation and drug paraphernalia as has been the case for too many years

Caroline Flamez
541-754-4941 home
541-740-5683 cell

-----Original Message-----

From: Julie Blair <julieden@comcast.net>

Sent: Friday, July 16, 2021 9:08 PM

To: Mayor and City Council <MayorAndCouncil@corvallisoregon.gov>

Subject: Re: Motion to stop clean ups of illegal campsites

Dear Mayor and City Council,

As Co-presidents of the Avery-Helm neighborhood we were extremely disappointed that our Ward 2 representative made the motion to stop the sweep and clean up of illegal campsites without any input from his constituents who have been extremely affected by the unintentional consequences of campers in our neighborhoods over the last several years. We have been very encouraged by the work the HOPE organization has done and we support their recommendations. It has also been a big relief to our neighborhood to have the campsites cleaned up and to know the campers will not be coming back a week later for the cycle to start all over again. To stop the clean up and allow illegal camping to continue would be a step backwards as well as misuse of city funds.

We understand that to get managed campsites in place takes time and that there is an immediate need for campers. It is our hope that if managed camps can not be set up soon that the city would seriously consider locations for sanctioned campsites that do not compromise the safety and livability of neighborhoods. We do not look forward to returning to sanitation issues, trash, rat infestation, drug paraphernalia etc... That situation is not good for any human being whether housed or houseless. We all want to be a part of helping the unhoused population but unfortunately there is a difference between those who want help and those who are choosing to live on the streets and do drugs. Our neighborhood has been dealing with the consequences of the latter. If you are considering sanctioned camping areas we strongly urge the council to require the strict enforcement of illegal camping. If the council chooses to have sanctioned camp areas we also expect them to be in appropriate locations that would not adversely impact businesses or neighborhoods.

We appreciate all the time and efforts you have put into working toward improving the houselessness that has impacted our community and in making our community safe and livable for all.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Blair
Ellen Germaneri

-----Original Message-----

From: Jane Averill <javerill@uoregon.edu>
Sent: Friday, July 16, 2021 5:41 PM
To: Mayor and City Council <MayorAndCouncil@corvallisoregon.gov>
Subject: Comments on motion re: homeless camping

To the council:

As a member of the Ward 2 district, I would like to express my concern about the July 6 motion put forward by Mr. Maughan. Although I appreciate the work the HOPE organization has done and is doing to alleviate the situations of the unhoused, a continuance of illegal camps is not a good long-term solution. The illegal camps directly adjacent to many of our properties created problems with sanitation, trash, fires and generally unsafe conditions. The livability in our neighborhood was definitely impacted by the concentration of camps near the Mary's River. Since the cleanup, there has been a marked improvement, and neighbors have spent time on additional cleanup efforts such as around the Avery walnut near the on-ramp to Hwy 34 from Fourth St. There has not been any outreach to the residents of Ward 2 that I am aware of from Mr. Maughan, so he does not appear to be representing the concerns of residents and taxpayers who are most affected by the camps. I urge you to continue the efforts to cleanup illegal camps and to work toward managed camps or other housing solutions dispersed throughout the city rather than concentrated in the downtown corridor. Thank you for consideration and your work to make the downtown a safe, livable area of Corvallis.

Jane Averill
553 SW B Ave.

From: Kirk Bailey <bailey@peak.org>
Sent: Monday, July 19, 2021 1:47 AM
To: Mayor and City Council <MayorAndCouncil@corvallisoregon.gov>
Subject: Testimony for July 19th City Council Meeting

Please see attached my testimony for the July 19th City Council hearing on the subject of unhoused camp clean ups.

Thanks,

Kirk Bailey

bailey@peak.org

Support Both People and Parks!

Our community needs to get more serious about supporting the folks that are struggling with a lack of housing. Doing so by allowing extremely hazardous situations to develop on publicly owned land, even on an "interim" basis, is not the right way to go about it!

As anyone who has interacted much with our unhoused population is aware, the issues causing the lack of housing are intensely personal. Some folks appear likely to benefit greatly from a modest "hand up", some seemingly defy assistance - and everything in between. Although I acknowledge the funding and other challenges associated with the hard cases, it also seems we may be missing a "golden" opportunity

by not making a bigger effort to help the folks that could benefit significantly with modest assistance. By "golden" I'm referring to the potential community savings from decreased law enforcement and health care costs, among others, that seem likely to accrue as a result.

That said, this needs to be a community-wide effort: Creating a single large managed camping area is not a good solution to this problem, even if a "suitable" location could be found. This is a diverse population which needs diverse housing solutions. As only one example, grouping folks that are making the first steps towards sobriety with folks that aren't, in a low-barrier situation, is a sure recipe for personal tragedy. Along the same lines consider the challenges of houseless-on-houseless aggression - geographically diverse housing locations could provide past victims a very valuable option. And about that "community support" issue: These solutions at scale will require significant ongoing resources. Is it realistic to think that continuing to allow 10% (say), of our local businesses and housed residents to suffer significant collateral damage from the ongoing un-managed camping situations (while the other 90% of our community largely "skates"), will generate the necessary support? This is going to cost \$\$\$, our whole community needs to share the costs and benefits if we expect sustained support.

Finally, I want to acknowledge the folks currently working with very modest resources to create tiny houses and managed local housing/camping options. You are true community heroes!

From: Susan Kipper <sekipper@comcast.net>

Sent: Wednesday, July 14, 2021 1:38 PM

To: Napack, Jan <jan.napack@corvallisoregon.gov>

Subject: Homeless camp cleanup

Hi Jan,

As one of your constituents I wanted to let you know how I feel about the ongoing cleanup of the homeless camps. I feel very sorry for the homeless but they have access to many services in Corvallis that they do not use. I'm am in full support of the cleanups and hope the city continues them. It is an awful problem with few solutions. Having said that the entire rest of Corvallis should not have to look at all the heaps of trash they leave behind. It is hazardous and unsanitary.

I am not able to attend your upcoming meeting where I be understand this topic will be discussed so I am asking you to consider my thoughts when you decide to continue the cleanups.

Please feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss this in more detail.

Best,

Susan Kipper
3981 SW Fairhaven Court
503-329-8922

-----Original Message-----

From: Bob Ottaway <arboles@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 18, 2021 7:50 PM
To: Holzworth, Carla <Carla.Holzworth@corvallisoregon.gov>
Subject: Homeless camping citizen input

Council members:

I am at a loss regarding your actions/inactions when it comes to those you label as homeless. I suggest you get an effective plan together. In the meantime, provide one or two camping locations with boundaries and regulations for use. Those who do not stay within the designated areas and maintain them should be shut down and removed. They must accept some level of responsibility for maintaining what they are given. Realize you won't be able to help everyone because there are those who will not cooperate.

Hundreds of thousands of dollars, untold labor costs and charity have been delegated to helping the homeless in Corvallis. Many of them have no interest in contributing to this community or even being responsible for their actions. Do not be swayed by your desire to act compassionately in your positions as Council members. Your obligation is doing what is in the best interests of your constituents, not those who drain our resources and degrade our community. Your personal beliefs and support (or lack of it) have no place when deciding what is best for Corvallis.

Bob

From: Sam Sam <brohar03@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 18, 2021 7:49 PM
To: Mayor and City Council <MayorAndCouncil@corvallisoregon.gov>
Subject: Homeless in Corvallis

Dir sirs,

Please continue cleaning up the homeless camps in Corvallis.

Thank you
Brooke Spehar
Oregon Jewelry

From: Napack, Jan <jan.napack@corvallisoregon.gov>
Sent: Sunday, July 18, 2021 6:23 PM
To: Mayor and City Council <MayorAndCouncil@corvallisoregon.gov>
Cc: Holzworth, Carla <Carla.Holzworth@corvallisoregon.gov>; Shepard, Mark <Mark.Shepard@corvallisoregon.gov>; Bilotta, Paul <Paul.Bilotta@corvallisoregon.gov>
Subject: Fw: Homeless Issue on Monday's Agenda

Forwarding comments from Ward 1....

Jan Napack
Ward 1 Corvallis City Council
541-745-5335 (mobile / text)

From: James Lofgren <lofgren.jamesc@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 18, 2021 5:46 PM
To: Napack, Jan <jan.napack@corvallisoregon.gov>
Subject: Homeless Issue on Monday's Agenda

Jan Napack,

I noticed that the city council agenda for tomorrow night includes a motion to stop the posting and cleaning up the homeless camps until a solution is found for housing them. Venice, CA has a similar situation, where relocating their homeless living on the Boardwalk has not been successful:

https://www.wsj.com/articles/los-angeles-wants-to-clear-the-homeless-from-venice-beach-11626530401?st=le0j04kwi8ulnaw&reflink=desktopwebshare_permalink

As this article points out that numerous strategies have failed, because their homeless strata would rather remain within their reference group rather than move to housing elsewhere. Our local homeless probably feel the same way about relocating.

While I think arriving at instant solutions is a fool's errand, I do wish you and the rest council the best in developing concrete steps to keep Corvallis' high livability standards from declining further. Towards this end, the allowing trash accumulations and deteriorating safety on the bike paths and parks are not options.

Sincerely,

Jim Lofgren

From: Dan Wolfe <danwolfe99@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 18, 2021 4:49 PM
To: Mayor and City Council <MayorAndCouncil@corvallisoregon.gov>
Subject: against motion to discontinue posting / clean-up of homeless camps

Mayor and Ladies/Gentlemen of the Corvallis Council:

As a long time resident of Corvallis (32 years) and also south Corvallis (24 years on SE Mayberry Ave), I would like to make my comments known AGAINST the motion to discontinue the posting / cleanup of homeless camps. Sadly, over the past few years, I have watched as the homeless have "moved in" and taken over parks and open space because the City refused to enforce their no-camping ordinance that was already on the books. What we saw happen was a "take-over" of the BMX Track and Pioneer Park in south Corvallis as well as public parking lots on the north and south side of downtown. Also, the area under the Hwy34 bypass became a tent city. It wasn't until people started to complain that something was finally done. Many days, I'd walk past the piles of trash that surrounded a homeless camp. It became a proverbial pig-sty.

Recently, the city FINALLY posted and cleaned up all the areas. Of course, the question is "where do these people go?" There's a reason why we have no camping ordinances on the books and I would appreciate if the council would allow the police / sheriff to enforce them and not just ignore them.

Now, please hear what I am not saying. I am more than willing to help a homeless person IF they are willing to abide by certain conditions and DO THEIR PART to better themselves and get out of the lifestyle they are finding themselves in. If they are struggling with mental illness or drug addiction, there are ways and organizations to help them. The bottom line is they have to WANT to get free. If a person simply wants to live in squalor, then they can do that, just not in Corvallis.

The City tried working with HOPE on a managed camp setup and that failed miserably with thousands spent for nothing. Now, we have an old motel that is supposedly being set up as "temporary" housing for homeless. How is that going to work? How will that be monitored? Who is going to monitor it to ensure success? I read the horror stories of other cities that have set up similar housing situations only to have it turned into a drug house.

Bottom line, the council needs to hold the line on the no camping ordinance and STOP enabling the homeless to continue to live in their current lifestyle. Expectations MUST be set up. If they want to live in a tent, then they have to keep their area clean at all times. They also must ensure that they are doing their part and doing the work necessary to get out of said lifestyle.

Still not sure what to do? I'd highly recommend making a visit or reaching out to a city like Boise, ID. I've heard from a reliable source that they do not have a homeless problem the likes of Oregon, Washington, and California as they are proactive in how they handle it. Please check it out.

Remember, if you keep doing the same things you've been doing over and over and over again and expect something to change, it isn't going to.

Once again, this has been a comment AGAINST the motion to discontinue posting/cleanup of homeless camps. Thank you for your time.

Dan Wolfe
danwolfe99@yahoo.com
520 SE Mayberry Ave

From: L.C. Larry Weymouth <lcweymouth@peak.org>
Sent: Sunday, July 18, 2021 4:48 PM
To: Mayor and City Council <MayorAndCouncil@corvallisoregon.gov>
Subject: End the Sweeps - Designate City Campsites

Mayor and Corvallis City Councilors,

Last night I dreamed I woke up in the middle of the night and heard a noise outside coming from my front yard. In my dream I opened my house's front door and looked outside to see a man, woman, and child sleeping between the flowers of the garden. The man must have heard me open the door, because he raised his head and looked at me with fear in his eyes. I asked, surprised at the sight, "What are you doing there?!" He replied, "I'm sorry, we'll leave now. Please don't call the cops. I asked, "How long have you been sleeping there." He replied, "Three months, every night. Sorry. We usually leave at dawn before anyone sees us." I was shocked that they had gone unnoticed by me for so long. I told him, "It's OK, go back to sleep, I'll see you in the morning. Stay for breakfast, if you want." I knew I couldn't let their situation go on another night without me helping somehow. But I wasn't going to make them leave.

So now that I'm awake, I'm wondering: what would you have done? And what WILL you do?

My name is Larry Weymouth, and I live in Ward 7 at 415 NW Merrie Drive. Sweeps of camps where unhoused people are living and sleeping must stop until the city and county create acceptable, sanctioned spaces for people to exist. Displacing and scattering vulnerable populations is an unacceptable violation of human rights - especially during a global pandemic and a summer in which we are realizing the effects of climate change with record-breaking heat waves.

Please support Councilor Maughan's motion at your July 19 meeting to end the sweeps and work with community partners to create sanctioned, supported, camping.

Regards,
Larry Weymouth

From: Notification.Services@corvallisoregon.gov <Notification.Services@corvallisoregon.gov>
Sent: Sunday, July 18, 2021 4:22 PM
To: Holzworth, Carla <Carla.Holzworth@corvallisoregon.gov>
Cc: Shepard, Mark <Mark.Shepard@corvallisoregon.gov>; Rollens, Patrick <Patrick.Rollens@corvallisoregon.gov>
Subject: PUBLIC INPUT - Homeless camps
RECEIVED: 7/18/2021 4:22:17 PM
NAME/ADDRESS: Andrew Gray, 955 SE Park Ave
CONTACT (if any): andyg32@zoho.com
TOPIC: Homeless camps
MEETING DATE: 7/19/2021

The problem is not the homeless tents, it's the homeless tenters' behaviors. I support the City's efforts to post and clean up the homeless camps in town. Not because I want to harass and trouble people who have few if any options, but because they seem to eventually become magnets for trash, pollution, and bad behavior. I know of one homeless camper in a fairly highly-trafficked public area that has a tidy camp, never leaves trash about, never accosts or harangues other members of the public. This person even has visitors from time to time and nobody has ever posted or needed to "clean up".

I would support councilor Maughan's motion if it included a clause specifying which NGOs are responsible for ensuring that in order to avoid being posted, homeless campers are tidy, and behavior is managed, where such actions do not rely on city parks or police employees.

From: Notification Services <NotificationServices@corvallisoregon.gov>
Sent: Sunday, July 18, 2021 4:01 PM
To: Holzworth, Carla <Carla.Holzworth@corvallisoregon.gov>
Cc: Shepard, Mark <Mark.Shepard@corvallisoregon.gov>; Rollens, Patrick <Patrick.Rollens@corvallisoregon.gov>
Subject: PUBLIC INPUT - Homeless "camps"
RECEIVED: 7/18/2021 4:00:54 PM
NAME/ADDRESS: Michael McCusker, 579 SE Hathaway Pl
CONTACT (if any): mjmcc1966@gmail.com
TOPIC: Homeless "camps"
MEETING DATE: 7/19/2021

I am writing as someone who lives, works, and owns 3 businesses in Corvallis. The homeless situation has been out of control for years, but especially so since Covid caused so many things to fall by the wayside. Cleaning up the messes made by these people is LONG overdue, and we must not return to the former approach. Homelessness is an incredibly complicated issue, and there are few approaches that actually work in the long term. But one approach that absolutely does not work AT ALL is allowing them to do what they want, when they want, with no repercussions. The destruction they have caused to many parts of our downtown and to many parks and riparian areas is horrendous, and continuing to turn a blind eye in the belief that this is somehow helping the homeless is shortsighted and wrong. Allowing poor, illegal and unhealthy behavior only enables more of the same. Please, continue with posting and removing ALL camps. We do not need to be mean to the homeless, but neither should we roll out a red carpet and allow the town and its tax paying, law-abiding residents to be abused and taken advantage of.

From: Shaffer, Paul <Paul.Shaffer@corvallisoregon.gov>
Sent: Sunday, July 18, 2021 2:28 PM
To: Mayor and City Council <MayorAndCouncil@corvallisoregon.gov>
Subject: Fw: From a ward 7 constituent re: sweeps of homeless camps

FYI, forwarded from a constituent.
Paul

From: Daniel Watkins <watkinsdj@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, July 18, 2021 5:56 AM
To: Shaffer, Paul <Paul.Shaffer@corvallisoregon.gov>
Subject: Re: Ward 7 newsletter, July 15, 2021

Paul,
Thanks for your lengthy post about various concerns facing the city and it's citizens.
I am keeping this short and only wish to convey that both my wife and I are in favor of the sweeps of the homeless areas continuing.

Although homelessness is obviously a huge issue, allowing the camps to continue where they keep tax paying citizens from using or enjoying places they support through said taxes is not part of the solution. It is my belief that allowing individuals to locate and stay in areas where many of them then proceed to accumulate trash, obstruct others from accessing those areas, or create potential threats to others, does nothing but encourage further such behavior. Although I may sound like I am a heartless individual, I really am not. I am simply one who feels that elected representatives should make decisions that are in the best interests of their constituents, not those of people who are basically landing here for a period of time before moving on.
Daniel Watkins

From: Shaffer, Paul <Paul.Shaffer@corvallisoregon.gov>
Sent: Sunday, July 18, 2021 2:27 PM
To: Mayor and City Council <MayorAndCouncil@corvallisoregon.gov>
Subject: Fw: homeless camp cleanup

FYI, forwarded from a constituent.
Paul

From: Bethann Ryker <kbryker@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 18, 2021 8:13 AM
To: Shaffer, Paul <Paul.Shaffer@corvallisoregon.gov>
Subject: Re: homeless camp cleanup

Please make it known that Ken and Bethann Ryker hope you plan to vote FOR the clean up of homeless camps. It is not good for the homeless or the community to have the disease and filth allowed. Holding people accountable to standards are what is desired. Many of our good intentions turn into enabling. Those who really want to help can take home a couple of campers and have them be in their own backyards. Then there would be accountability in smaller proportions.

This is in regards to the meeting tomorrow when you vote.
Thank you.
K and B Ryker

From: Shaffer, Paul <Paul.Shaffer@corvallisoregon.gov>
Sent: Sunday, July 18, 2021 2:24 PM
To: Mayor and City Council <MayorAndCouncil@corvallisoregon.gov>
Subject: Forwarded from a ward 7 constituent, re: sweeping homeless camps
FYI, forwarded from a Ward 7 constituent.
Paul

From: Garrett Jones <gburtonj@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 18, 2021 12:16 PM
To: Shaffer, Paul <Paul.Shaffer@corvallisoregon.gov>
Subject: Re: Fw: Ward 7 newsletter, July 15, 2021

Hi Paul,
Thank you for sending this newsletter.

The homeless/houseless is a difficult one. I know you are better informed about this issue than I am, and I wonder why the problem is left to individual cities. You're right, Corvallis cannot solve this issue on its own; this is a regional problem that should be dealt with seriously on a statewide basis, or better, nationally. Many of these individuals are mobile, so move to where conditions are best for them. Corvallis (city and some residents) has been accommodating, which might explain the seeming large increase of camping individuals. When we came to Corvallis in 1999, we didn't see any houseless persons, though they were there. Now there are hundreds and large encampments everywhere. I don't believe many of these are long-time residents of this relatively wealthy and educated town; they have come in from elsewhere, and the Daily Activity Log of the Corvallis Police Department reflects this. And it appears local police spend a lot of time dealing with these individuals.

What is needed (and perhaps this has been done locally) is a study of who is homeless and why, and solutions developed to respond to what would likely be several causes. I know there have been moves to provide permanent housing (purchasing motels, for example), and this is a good solution. Providing a regulated campground is a good idea, with dumpsters and restrooms. Garbage camps should not be tolerated. It is a national disgrace that we have these along our interstates through urban areas. I support using my taxes for a solution to the homeless/houseless issue, and locally would support any tax levies to remedy the situation. But no solution will work locally, so I don't believe as a city we should be too accommodating; if you provide the services, they will come, and services will be slowly overwhelmed and the problem will become larger than before. That is why a long-term solution has to be a statewide or regional or national solution.

More immediately, I would vote for continued cleanup along with serious pursuit of the idea of a more permanent refugee-camp-like campground where campers can go. However, I won't hold it against you if you vote the other way; I understand the complexity of the issue and the strength of feeling on each side. Good luck!

Garrett Jones

From: Shaffer, Paul <Paul.Shaffer@corvallisoregon.gov>
Sent: Sunday, July 18, 2021 2:20 PM
To: Mayor and City Council <MayorAndCouncil@corvallisoregon.gov>
Subject: From a ward 7 resident, re: clearing homeless camps

FYI - I'm forwarding from a constituent.
Paul

From: tia gabalita <gabalita@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 17, 2021 3:50 PM
To: Shaffer, Paul <Paul.Shaffer@corvallisoregon.gov>
Subject: Re: Ward 7 newsletter, July 15, 2021

Paul, regarding this issue: "At our July 19 meeting, City Council will be debating and deciding on a motion to end camp clearing on city property (except in cases where there are serious health and safety risks to the campers and the community) until we identify a location for sanctioned camping. I will be honest – I am sympathetic to both viewpoints on the matter, and I have not decided how I will vote. I do know that I appreciate the comments I have received from many of you and from others in the Corvallis community. It is helpful to hear your concerns and perspectives, and to know we have a community that is so deeply engaged on this issue."

I really hope you vote against ending camp clearing. We all know, the homeless situation is a very complex issue, not only locally but at state and at national level. I'm a strong believer on national policies when it comes to the homeless situation, or at least at a state level. We have been waiting for years for a new location/shelter/space ... I'm afraid finding a "sanctioned camping" could take a very long time. If we end camp clearance we will be welcoming more unhoused people to our town ... think about the negative effect ending this camp clearing will have on downtown businesses and corvallians in general. Please vote NO on this issue on Monday.

Thanks,
Gabriela

From: Chaum Spehar <speharchaum@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 18, 2021 2:04 PM
To: Mayor and City Council <MayorAndCouncil@corvallisoregon.gov>
Subject: The motion to stop cleaning up camps.

I want to first thank those that decided to vote to clean up the camps and also those down the line to the very ones who go in and have to deal with cleaning up these camps. I would not want to have that job but am thankful people are willing to do it. But I do think efforts need to be put into figuring out what to do about people living in places like the camps here and nationwide of course but waiting until then to clean up camps is not reasonable. It for sure is a very complicated issue and I do have mixed feelings about it. But I love Corvallis and want to keep it a nice place to live, work, raise children, and so on.

Thanks,
Chaum Spehar

From: Jeremy Monroe <jeremy@freshwatersillustrated.org>
Sent: Monday, July 19, 2021 9:00 AM
To: Holzworth, Carla <Carla.Holzworth@corvallisoregon.gov>
Cc: Lytle, Hyatt <Hyatt.Lytle@corvallisoregon.gov>
Subject: Written Testimony for tonight's meeting

Dear City Council, Manager, & Mayor,

I am writing in regards to Councilor Maughan's motion to suspend clean up of camps, and the larger discussion of how to best provide for houseless communities in Corvallis.

I am very sympathetic to the plight of our homeless community, and agree that we need to act quickly on solutions that offer more spaces for the unhoused. However, as a South Corvallis resident, I know that our neighborhoods have been a big part of the solutions in recent years / COVID crisis, and I **believe the recent clean-ups in the 3rd Street / 99 Corridor have improved safety for all community members, housed and unhoused.** In our area of town, I believe we need to hold this line while we look for additional solutions in other parts of town (i.e., *sharing the load*), and I feel that we must treat the Highway 99 / Mary-Willamette confluence with extreme caution, and a safety-first mentality.

I fear that the motion, as written, may allow a backslide into the unsafe, unstable, and environmentally irresponsible reality we have lived with for the past 2 years, particularly in South Corvallis.

My views are largely informed from the discussion, results, and recommendations from our recent Southtown working group toward a more effective and equitable campaign to serve homeless communities (see recommendations below).

Jeremy Monroe
Ward 3

Southtown Corvallis neighborhood solutions and recommendations for serving houseless communities and the housing crisis in Corvallis.

Organized by Southtown citizens / Living Southtown for City Council, Mayor, City Manager and Department Directors, HOPE Committee, Service Providers, ODOT, and interested citizens and organizations

Motivation: In recent years and prior community discussions, the Southtown community has not been well involved or engaged in planning efforts around serving the homeless community, yet our neighborhoods have been increasingly used and identified as sites for solutions from service providers and City-wide initiatives. Following a neighborhood survey and virtual meeting in January 2021 organized by Councilors Maughan and Lytle with over 125 respondents and attendees, a work group was created to dig deeper into detailed solutions to address the question: **how can our South Corvallis neighborhoods be most effective in providing solutions for the homeless community?**

Key Southtown Corvallis concerns that came through our survey and discussion:

- **Southtown Corvallis has not been well involved in prior discussions and forums around solutions for homelessness** - Many residents feel our community voice and concerns have been discounted and dismissed, while City initiatives, interim solutions, and service providers have targeted and become more established in certain and sensitive areas of our community (e.g., BMX Park, ODOT riverfront lands, Unity Shelter, and the Housing First Budget Inn).
- **Southtown Corvallis has carried a disproportionate load from impacts of homelessness and encampments, both before and during the pandemic** - South Corvallis has dealt with loss of park space, commuter conflicts, trash, crime, and blight from unmanaged camps, shelter users, and the concentration of these communities in

specific areas, such as the BMX park and Highway 99 corridor.

- **Camping and trash build-up in riparian/floodplain areas is dangerous for everyone** - Southtown Corvallis includes the City's lowest elevation floodplain and delta area, and is surrounded by the Willamette and Marys Rivers, the Mill Race, and extensive wetlands. Camps and trash in these areas are more likely to be inundated, unseen, and create safety/fire risks and environmental problems.
- **Impacts from the homeless community and service providers in the Highway 99/Marys River bottleneck area have created increasing stress, dangers, and confusion for campers/shelter users, drivers, bikers, walkers, and area businesses.** This critical corridor is our primary connection to downtown Corvallis and key services. The concentration of unmanaged camps in this area, and the City-authorized 'managed camp' in the BMX Park and Unity Shelter has exacerbated these already overwhelming problems.
- **The present concentration of service providers, managed, and unmanaged camps in Hwy 99 bottleneck and Willamette-Marys-Mill Race confluence is at odds with several community plans and visions,** including the community supported Urban Renewal District (2019) created to address issues of blight, safety, and economic uplift, the South Corvallis Area Refinement plan (1999) that identified the Mary-Willamette confluence as a high potential for community access and development, the Mixed Use Transitional zone (1999) designed to transition specific properties in this area to less intensive uses, and the Willamette River Greenway (State Planning Goal 15 - 1976) created to revitalize and protect the Willamette River corridor.
In our constructive examination of common solutions to serving homelessness, and the survey responses from South Corvallis community, **we identified key solutions that are well suited to what South Corvallis offers:**
- **Affordable and low-income housing** – South Corvallis offers some of Corvallis' most affordable homes and apartments, and has some of the City's most extensive buildable residentially zoned property. In the face of rising housing costs, we should continue to protect affordability in our neighborhoods along with dedicated low-income housing options, as prioritized in our Urban Renewal District.
- **Carefully located housing/support services** - South Corvallis is home to projects and developments for numerous service providers, including the interim location for the Unity Men's Cold Weather Shelter, Housing First-Budget Inn, DEVNW, CARDV, and can likely accommodate more, provided they do not add stress/safety issues to riparian areas, the Highway 99-Marys River Bottleneck area, parks and pathways, or jeopardize the potential for high priority areas for redevelopment within the Urban Renewal District.
- **Semi-permanent housing/shelter options like microshelters, ADUs, and vehicle camping are more effective and less impactful than unmanaged or managed camping situations,** and would work well in many Southtown neighborhoods that have available on-street parking capacity and larger residential lots.
- **An equitable City-wide response to extreme situations of homelessness** that demand managed or unmanaged camps and managed vehicle camping lots must be shared with other City neighborhoods. In Southtown, these solutions should avoid commuter trails, Hwy 99 corridor, and riparian areas, and would be ideally situated in open/visible/serviceable areas (e.g., parking lots, vacant lots, City lands).
We call on our City leadership and stakeholders to recognize our concerns and recommendations, and incorporate these into corrective and constructive actions in the present responses and future plans to serve houseless communities in Corvallis.

Work group participants:

Jeremy Monroe, Katy Blye, Owen McMurtrey, Amy Becker, Jennifer Cassidy, Cindee Lolik, Rebecka Weinstein (moderator), with involvement and support from Councilors Maughan (Ward 2) and Lytle (Ward 3)

From: Napack, Jan <jan.napack@corvallisoregon.gov>
Sent: Sunday, July 18, 2021 2:02 PM
To: Mayor and City Council <MayorAndCouncil@corvallisoregon.gov>
Cc: Shepard, Mark <Mark.Shepard@corvallisoregon.gov>; Holzworth, Carla <Carla.Holzworth@corvallisoregon.gov>; Bilotta, Paul <Paul.Bilotta@corvallisoregon.gov>
Subject: Fw: Measure on Wednesday to stop sweeping homeless camps

From a Ward 1 constituent...

Jan Napack
Ward 1 Corvallis City Council
541-745-5335 (mobile / text)

From: Helen Chesbrough <helen.chesbrough@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 12, 2021 1:52 PM
To: Napack, Jan <jan.napack@corvallisoregon.gov>
Subject: Measure on Wednesday to stop sweeping homeless camps

Jan –

I understand that on Wednesday you will be voting to stop the sweeping of homeless camps unless there is an option Provided where people can go. Please vote In support of this measure; it is the only humane thing to do. thank you. Helen Chesbrough - 1678 Sw country club place, Corvallis

From: Struthers, Andrew <andrew.struthers@corvallisoregon.gov>
Sent: Sunday, July 18, 2021 1:14 PM
To: Mayor and City Council <MayorAndCouncil@corvallisoregon.gov>
Subject: FW: Proposal to stop cleaning up Homeless Camps

FYI...related to the agenda item on 7/19.
Andrew

From: crcole59@gmail.com <crcole59@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 18, 2021 6:39 AM
To: Struthers, Andrew <andrew.struthers@corvallisoregon.gov>
Subject: Proposal to stop cleaning up Homeless Camps

Andrew,

First, thank you for your service to the people of Corvallis and Ward 9. I know at times it can be a thankless job. I've lived in Corvallis for 55 years and want to express my concern of the proposal being brought forward from Ward 2 to stop posting and cleaning up homeless camps. The City Council needs to always remember that they represent all of Corvallis, not just those who reside here now, but those who have gone on before us. People like the Howland's who worked so hard to improve our waterfront area. All the leaders and volunteers who helped build the skate park, etc. This also includes business owners, parents and those who contribute to the tax base of Corvallis.

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Thank you for your time and I hope you will think of all Corvallis and not support this pending proposal, but let the City maintenance staff continue their clean-up of illegal homeless camping in Corvallis.

-Craig Cole
2395 NW Highland Drive
Corvallis, Oregon

-----Original Message-----

From: Sarin Jervis <sarinspehar@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 18, 2021 1:07 PM
To: Mayor and City Council <MayorAndCouncil@corvallisoregon.gov>
Subject: Please continue camp clean ups

Thank you for your hard work keeping Corvallis such a welcome place to commerce, students, families, and all who appreciate this gem of a city.

I am writing to urge you to continue homeless camp clean-ups in spite of some objections to this important work. I believe the majority of residents support these clean-ups in order to maintain Corvallis as the beautiful and livable city it has always been. There are far more services available to the houseless in larger cities like Portland or Eugene.

I am the mother of two young children who appreciate the bike baths and waterfront in Corvallis. Such pathways and parks in places like Portland are virtually unusable now due to violent acts such as assault and rape. There are other sanitary and public health issues as well. This is likely the future of Corvallis if camp clean-ups are halted.

Thank you for your time,

Sarin Jervis

From: April Spehar <aprilspehar@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 18, 2021 12:22 PM
To: Mayor and City Council <MayorAndCouncil@corvallisoregon.gov>
Subject: Camp Clean Ups

I was born and raised in Corvallis, I am a home owner, a business owner, and a mother of two teenagers. I enjoy walking, biking, and running in the parks, paths, and along the streets of Corvallis. Camping along the Riverfront and in parks in Corvallis has made me feel unsafe using these public spaces. Until the recent clean ups, I would not use the riverfront paths, and the skate and dog park downtown were uninviting. This past week, I was able to walk from the dog and skate park, past Shawala point, and along the riverfront path toward the Van Buren bridge. I saw kids and teens using the skate park and dog owners using the dog park. Corvallis city parks, open spaces, and

pathways need to be kept clean and safe resources for our community and as attractions for tourists. Our quality of life and local economy depend on utilizing these resources.

I urge the Corvallis City Council to continue posting and cleaning up camps while attempting to connect the people living in these camps with resources for housing and employment. I understand, not all of these people are wanting to move into managed housing. Corvallis needs to decide what our downtown and parks will look like and how these areas will be used. Continuing to allow camping is not the answer. Eugene and Portland have both tried this for many years and they are seeing these populations grow along with crime.

April Spehar

From: Leslie Bishop <bishopl41@comcast.net>

Sent: Sunday, July 18, 2021 12:07 PM

To: Mayor and City Council <MayorAndCouncil@corvallisoregon.gov>

Subject: Councilor Maughan's motion to stop illegal camps

Attention:

Mayor and Corvallis City Council

It appears to “ Suzy Q Citizen” like myself, a homeowner in the Downtown area, resident of Corvallis for 32 years, registered voter, that Corvallis cannot govern itself.

Too many years have passed without agreement about how to handle the increasing numbers of homeless living in illegal camps, doorways, between houses in residential neighborhoods, on sidewalks etc. and still not even the smallest progress has been made. Attempts have been made to solve the problem, but none have worked and the hazards and problems continue to multiply. Even the successful plans at helping the homeless i.e. The Congregational Church, have been eliminated by the City. There has been no real leadership, no coalition, no agreement and thus, no plan of substance.

I hesitate writing this letter because I don't have a solution to suggest. However, Councilman Maughan's motion “to stop cleanup operations of illegal camps citywide....” seems a backward step with dangerous potential and consequence; it is irresponsible. Perhaps that is why he motioned this idea—to make us sit up and realize what the consequences might be for our neighborhoods and for downtown. Whatever facilities for our homeless population may be agreed upon, they need to be alcohol and drug free. Already on my block (SW 10th Street) there is a homeless man living outdoors in squalor between 2 houses. He appears to be harmless but he roams the area carrying a big stick and accumulating auto, computer and bicycle parts. Today when I walked downtown to buy groceries (I am not able to drive as I am sight-impaired), I had to move into the oncoming bicycle lane at 4th and Western to avoid a man who was seemingly asleep next to his belongings on the sidewalk. He is the same man, while pretending to be asleep, has risen up to toss racial slurs and vulgar insults to others. I ask you, do you think it is safe for an 80 year old woman who is sight impaired to be walking against traffic in the bike lane because she is afraid to get too close to this man? Would you tolerate him in your neighborhood? Would you want your mother or grandmother to be in my position?

So, what is the problem here? Is it homelessness or mental health, drug or alcohol addiction and the lack of facilities to help? What happened to the money that has been allocated to alleviate the problems of homelessness? Where is there help for those in need? How accessible is it? Does it even exist?

Further, why is it that there are no tents or signs of homelessness on the OSU campus? What enforceable rules does OSU have? What can the City of Corvallis learn from this exclusion?

Councilman Maughan needs to clarify the intent of his motion; then, he needs to apprise Council and its members of his plan of action. At the moment with his proposal, he is only stirring the pot of indecision. We need to take our

neighborhoods and City back. At the moment, we are only left with a vague threat of what comes next. After a year of Covid, no one has time for that.

Thank you for your attention.

Respectfully,
Leslie Bishop

Sunday July 18, 2021

To Mayor Traber and City Council

This letter is to voice our concerns about the motion to stop the illegal camp cleanups. Our comfort zone has improved dramatically since the cleanup of the camp adjacent to 4th street and the on ramp to Highway 34. We can use our backyard again and not have to smell the garbage including human waste pile up. There was also a fire in that camp under the historic Avery walnut tree last spring, that danger is multiplied during the drier and hotter climate.

We are still subject to fire danger from the huge camp under the railroad tracks. Fifth Street is a major access to that camp and we see all kinds of activity: all kinds of stuff being carried into camp and no garbage coming out, cars parked along the street for a surprising number of people visiting the camp, and the police doing their job patrolling the track area. These sights concern us.

All of us have to live by the rules to ensure the welfare of the community. It is easy to come up with rules, it is hard to manage them.

We support the direction of managed campsites for the homeless but not at the expense of safety and peace of mind of existing residents.

Sincerely,
Dan and Ruth Haldeman
835 SW 5th Street

-----Original Message-----

From: Martha <marthamiller5977@comcast.net>

Sent: Sunday, July 18, 2021 11:09 AM

To: Mayor and City Council <MayorAndCouncil@corvallisoregon.gov>

Subject: Re homeless camps and damage to adjacent property

Attn all city manager and city council.

I hope you have included funds to pay for the damage to the private citizens property from the rats that you drove off and into our property. I have not had trouble with rodents for over 25 years and you knock those camps down and we get the rodents and it's terrible. I will be sending you the bill to clean this up and encouraging my neighbors to do the same.

Ou need to consider all the ramifications of your actions and be responsible for them.

Leslie Andress

From: Maddie Bean <sortoutreachcorvallis@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, July 18, 2021 10:30 AM
To: Holzworth, Carla <Carla.Holzworth@corvallisoregon.gov>
Subject: Testimony for Corvallis City Council Meeting July 19, 2021

Good morning,

Please accept this email as my written testimony for the upcoming City Council meeting on July 19th, 2021.

Name: Maddison Bean
Address: 2816 Newton Place, Philomath OR 97370
Agenda item I am commenting on: Enforcement of illegal camping regulations (camp sweeps)
Meeting date: July 19, 2021

Dear Mayor Traber and Corvallis City Councilors,

My name is Maddison Bean. I work at the Corvallis Daytime Drop-In Center as Street Outreach and Response Team (SORT) Coordinator. Since May, I have witnessed four sweeps of major encampments of unhoused people who are part of our community. My team has been present at these sweeps to help with communication, resource navigation, and to advocate for those being displaced. The SORT team is committed to these responsibilities at all times, but the sweeps are making our work much harder to do. Worse yet, the camp sweeps are creating added distress and trauma for those who are being displaced.

The more people are forced to move with no options about where to go, the more vulnerable and isolated they become. Where once they had some community around them, this is suddenly and abruptly gone with no effective solutions given for aiding people who are already at a disadvantage. A sense of community and social support are crucial resources for health promotion that are difficult to provide or build in the context of being unhoused, especially when you add the constant fear of being swept into the mix.

These sweeps are also hurting the work of service providers and volunteers whose mission is to help connect unhoused individuals to vital services. To try and help you understand, I am going to describe how my role as SORT coordinator has changed over the last 6 months. Going back to February and March of this year, my street outreach team could meet at the drop-in center and easily form a plan to go visit known encampments. We knew where to find individuals, including those we were trying to connect or follow-up with. We could travel with wagons of supplies because we could get to people on foot. We could aid in the set-up of a COVID-19 vaccination clinic near the encampments, providing a direct service that helps protect our entire community. We could walk people with us back to the drop-in center to be further connected with resources. And, on top of all this, the people we met during outreach could rely on seeing us each week at around the same time. This dependability and consistency is vital for building trust.

Fast-forward to the last few months when sweeps of homeless encampments have been carried out across the city. Now, when the outreach team meets, we have to decide where to travel to *try* and find people. The key word there is *try*. Often, I send teams out and they are unable to find people, or they may only speak with 1 or 2 individuals, when before one team would connect with a dozen or more unhoused individuals during outreach. It is like we are playing a guessing game. This is because people are being pushed further and further into isolation and fear where we can't find or reach them as easily.

This brings me to my demands, which are shared by others who I have had the chance to connect and work with – including service providers, community activists and volunteers, and community leaders.

At this time, I demand that sweeps of camps where unhoused people are living and sleeping be stopped until the city and county create acceptable, sanctioned spaces for people to exist. Please support Councilor Maughan's motion at your July 19th meeting to end the sweeps and work with community partners to create sanctioned,

supported camping. I urge that the sweeps are halted at least until the end of summer, to give everyone time to critically think about and implement immediate solutions. I can tell you that I work with some incredible people, people who have creative and evidence-based solutions. We all – yourselves included – need time to communicate and share our ideas and our concerns and to work through those to enact just efforts for helping our unhoused neighbors. Camp sweeps are not a just or effective solution to the multifaceted problem of homelessness, especially combined with record-breaking heat and drought, and a continued pandemic.

I want to end by saying how much I appreciated seeing Councilors Maughan and Chaplen out at the Orleans camp sweep. You both took the time to witness this upsetting event, and also to talk with us. While the conversation may not have been uplifting, difficult conversations are exactly what we need. Decisions need to be made, not postponed for another meeting. People are literally being displaced and forced into unsafe isolation at this moment, so please make the decision now to stop these sweeps until you have had those difficult conversations and made those important decisions about where sanctioned camping can go and what this will look like in our community.

Thank you for your time.

Regards,

Maddison Bean (*She/Her/Hers*)

Street Outreach and Response Team (SORT) Coordinator

Email: sortoutreachcorvallis@gmail.com

-----Original Message-----

From: Mary M <neonpillbug@gmail.com>

Sent: Sunday, July 18, 2021 10:01 AM

To: Mayor and City Council <MayorAndCouncil@corvallisoregon.gov>

Subject: Homeless enforcement

Thank you for cleaning up the homeless camps by the Co-Op and some of the camps by Marys River. Downtown is cleaner and safer. I've been riding my bike and walking around town again. It's nice to not have the city look like a trash dump. I hope that you don't ease up. There is a criminal element to some of the "campers" not just people that are down on their luck. Allowing them to run wild will chase all the tax payers out of town. My plans for selling my house and bugging out to somewhere safer have been put on hold for now. I worked hard my whole life to buy a house and didn't appreciate having to avoid parts of town during the day so that people can do what they want with no consequences. Giving them free reign will ruin the town. When all the businesses leave and the homeowners leave and the students transfer after having their car broken into again, you won't be left with much that is of value.

From: Inge King <inge_king@comcast.net>

Sent: Sunday, July 18, 2021 8:04 AM

To: Mayor and City Council <MayorAndCouncil@corvallisoregon.gov>

Subject: Homeless Camps

Dear Mayor Traber and City Council Members,

I have long been and continue to be a supporter of Community Outreach and have volunteered at the Men's shelter in the past.

I would like to add my comments about the Homeless Camps in our City. I am a person that cares for my neighbor and I use this term inclusively. However, based on first hand experience, I am deeply concerned at the blight and crime that these camps have caused in our City and the drug abusing and criminal element of people that they have attracted.

My previous office is located near the bottle drop. A few years ago, I assisted a homeless man that moved from Newport to Corvallis because of the services Corvallis provides. I notarized a document for him. He ended up feeling that I was a thief and a liar and ultimately violently trespassed my place of employment for weeks

afterwards. That was when I discovered that he had a criminal record. Since then, others with criminal records have verbally abused me and my colleagues.

The area near the bottle drop is strewn with garbage, grocery carts and discarded drug paraphernalia including used needles.

I realize that this is a very difficult problem but feel that cleaning up the homeless camps in our area is something that we should continue. My hope would be that we can provide other housing and drug rehabilitation as well.

Inge King
2622 NW Bluebell Pl
Corvallis OR 97330

From: Notification.Services@corvallisoregon.gov <Notification.Services@corvallisoregon.gov>

Sent: Sunday, July 18, 2021 6:52 AM

To: Holzworth, Carla <Carla.Holzworth@corvallisoregon.gov>

Cc: Shepard, Mark <Mark.Shepard@corvallisoregon.gov>; Rollens, Patrick <Patrick.Rollens@corvallisoregon.gov>

Subject: PUBLIC INPUT - Cleaning up Homeless Camps

RECEIVED: 7/18/2021 6:51:58 AM

NAME/ADDRESS: Craig Roger Cole, 2395 NW Highland Drive, Corvallis, Oregon, 97330

CONTACT (if any): crcole59@gmail.com

TOPIC: Cleaning up Homeless Camps

MEETING DATE: 7/19/2021

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Thank you for your time and I hope you will think of all Corvallis and not support this pending proposal, but let the

City maintenance staff continue their clean-up of illegal homeless camping in Corvallis. I know there are always to sides to every issue, but all of Corvallis past, present and future need to be considered.

Thanks you,

From: Owen McMurtrey <owenmcm@gmail.com>

Sent: Saturday, July 17, 2021 5:55 PM

To: mayorandcitycouncil@council.corvallisoregon.gov; Holzworth, Carla

<Carla.Holzworth@corvallisoregon.gov>; Councilor Hyatt Lytle <hyattlytleward3@gmail.com>

Subject: Comments on Proposed Motion to Suspend Enforcement of Illegal Camping Regulations

I am writing to comment on the Council's proposed motion to: "...rescind the Council's previous motion to resume posting and cleaning of camps, until city and/or county staff can present to council options for a designated camp site or sites." I am concerned that this motion puts South Corvallis in a uniquely difficult position and that the testimony the Council has heard on this issue recently does not consider the needs of South Corvallis residents.

With the advent of Covid-19, the City suspended posting of campsites on City property. In the months that have followed, the concentration of tents in the Marys River corridor and Southtown, generally in an area South of Western Avenue and East of 26th increased substantially. The City Council has had discussions and made modifications concerning its approach to managing the problem in the context of Covid-19, but Southtown and areas of South Downtown in the Marys River corridor continued to bear the overwhelming majority of the burden of "unmanaged" campsites in the City of Corvallis.

Southtown is geographically isolated from the rest of Corvallis by the Marys River and Highway 34. There are only two vectors that connect Southtown to the Corvallis community: the Highway 99 bridge and the Avery Park bridge, access to this area is critical for all residents. No other neighborhood in Corvallis faces such constraints on its ability to access the broader Corvallis community. Particularly for those who travel on foot, or by bicycle, the City's chosen location for the vast majority of the City's "unmanaged" campsites in the crucial highway 99 corridor that is our vector to the broader Corvallis community enjoins Southtown residents from safely and enthusiastically participating in the commercial and civic life of the broader Corvallis community.

I travel regularly from my residence in South Corvallis via bicycle to visit the farmer's market, restaurants, grocery stores, and most importantly, the downtown Safeway pharmacy. There is no pharmacy in South Corvallis. Prior to the sweep of the camps at the BMX Park, there was no way for me to reach any of these destinations without traveling through the camps in the BMX Park and Skate Parks. I can't go one or two blocks over--that's still in the camp, anyway,. and requires me to cross a deadly highway. Anywhere else in Corvallis, that would be an option. During the visit last week of Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg, Mayor Traber commented that "We're pushing for more connectivity so people don't have to go on Third Street to get to South Corvallis." I value that connectivity. Without it, I cannot be a part of the Corvallis community.

Declaring an end to any and all sweeps is to declare a free-for-all. We saw what that meant for South Corvallis' crucial transportation corridors the last time the Council declared a free-for-all. **Nearly all impacts were concentrated in this corridor. That should be just as unacceptable of an outcome for the City Council as conducting sweeps.**

Unless there is specific language in the Council's motion to address the impacts of unmanaged camps to South Corvallis residents and to geographic inequity in the spatial distribution of unmanaged camps, generally, it is inevitable that nearly all campsites will be located South of Western Avenue and East of 26th street. This is exactly what happened last year. The "connectivity" that Mayor Traber spoke about will be compromised. That should concern the Council not only because of the impacts to South Corvallis residents, but also because the obvious goal of Councilor Maughan's motion is to motivate the City to identify and designate alternative sites for camping. But there has been no impact of unmanaged camping on the overwhelming majority

of City residents. What would be the Council's motivation to act if seven of the City's nine wards continue to be insulated from the impacts of camps concentrated in the BMX Park, Skate Park, and Shawala Point?

The Council should not pass any motion to suspend posting and cleaning of camps unless that motion contains specific language that will ensure there will be no impact on the Mary's River-Highway 99 corridor, and that impacts will not fall disproportionately on South Corvallis. The language of such a motion must be sufficient to allow South Corvallis residents to hold the City accountable for those goals.

The motion, as proposed, puts the horse before the cart and will be to the detriment of the Council's professed goals in addressing this issue.

Sincerely,

Owen McMurtrey
Atwood Avenue

From: C Cloyd <cloydjc@gmail.com>

Sent: Saturday, July 17, 2021 1:05 PM

To: Mayor and City Council <MayorAndCouncil@corvallisoregon.gov>

Subject: Homeless Camp Cleanups are Important

Mayor and City Council,

We appreciate the work that the HOPE organization has done and we support their recommendations.

It is a primary responsibility of the City to provide a safe and livable environment. As taxpayers, we expect that our city will fulfill its obligation to provide us safety and livability. Since the cleanups have taken place, our neighborhoods have noticed a marked improvement in livability and safety. To stop the sweep of cleaning up illegal campsites would be a step backward.

Ward 2 Councilor Maughan's motion at the July 6th meeting to suspend homeless camps cleanups does not reflect the concerns of many of the Ward 2 residents who are the most affected by the unintended consequences of illegal campsites. Some of our neighbors are disappointed that our City Council representative has not reached out to get our views and concerns before making this motion.

Dealing with an unhoused population that would welcome a managed camp is the polar opposite of dealing with an illegal drug camper population, which is what Ward 2 has mostly experienced. By this we mean that there are many campers who would not want to be in any camp situation that imposes rules and guidelines.

We do not want to go back to having people camping on the other side of our property lines and having to deal with sanitation issues, trash all over, rat infestation and drug paraphernalia as has been the case for too many years. Please vote to continue to clean up illegal campsites around Corvallis, while also supporting the efforts of HOPE and local non-profits to provide micro-shelters and other support services for those in need.

Julie Blair, Co-president of the Avery-Helm Neighborhood Association
Ellen Germaneri, Co-president of the Avery-Helm Neighborhood Association
Courtney Cloyd, President of the Central Park Neighborhood Association
Shauna Wilson, President of the Avery Addition Neighborhood Association

From: Notification Services <NotificationServices@corvallisoregon.gov>
Sent: Saturday, July 17, 2021 12:30 PM
To: Holzworth, Carla <Carla.Holzworth@corvallisoregon.gov>
Cc: Shepard, Mark <Mark.Shepard@corvallisoregon.gov>; Rollens, Patrick <Patrick.Rollens@corvallisoregon.gov>
Subject: PUBLIC INPUT - Homeless camps
RECEIVED: 7/17/2021 12:29:40 PM
NAME/ADDRESS: Yvonne Hilton, 3475 NW Tanager Corvallis
CONTACT (if any):
TOPIC: Homeless camps
MEETING DATE: 7/19/2021

Please clean up the camps. Our town is being ruined and overrun

-----Original Message-----

From: Dan Rockwell <drockwell@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, July 17, 2021 11:07 AM
To: Mayor and City Council <MayorAndCouncil@corvallisoregon.gov>
Subject: "Cleaning Up Homeless Camps"

Hi Corvallis City Council,

I live in Ward 2. I live on 5th street and my back fence butts up against the ODOT land by the highway interchange and Mary's River.

There was a large group of tenants that were living on the ODOT land for many months. The main issues that we had were physical refuse (human feces, urine, trash, food trash, etc...), nasty odors from burning plastic and rubber (as well as fires that had to have the fire department called), and noise issues including both fowl language that our 3 kids would hear and complain about as well as noise issues after 10pm and before 6am. Another truly disturbing aspect of the tenants that lived behind us on the ODOT land is that one of them was a sex offender and a pedophile and we were not made aware of this until the cit/state removed the tenants. There was a pedophile living 0 inches from where my kids play in our backyard. This was not ok. This type of city planning is not ok.

I am writing you to let you know that I do not support the motion to "stop cleaning up homeless camps" as my neighborhood email list referred to the motion. I prefer to think of the people living on the land as the tenants of the folks that own the land. So they are ODOT tenants or City of Corvallis tenants depending on where they are currently located within the city limits of Corvallis.

I suggest that the city councilors that are in favor of the motion to stop enforcing the laws about where people are allowed to set up a semi-permanent residence offer their backyards as a temporary place for these folks to call home. This is what my family did. Instead of being mean to the folks that lived behind us we helped them. I have helped the tenants that lived on ODOT land behind us in many ways. I helped them have clean water, I helped them get supplies for their camp stoves, I tried to help them find employment, etc... I have a great deal of compassion for the situation that many homeless folks are in. But I cannot tolerate the prohibition of enforcing laws that will keep my family and children safe. I am exhausted and I do not have the energy to endure months of living with a pedophile in my backyard.

The city nor the state provided the essential services that humans need but they allowed people to live on their property. There was no bathroom or port-a-potty made available. There was no trash service made available. There was no running water made available. These items were requested by many of my neighbors and by the tenants on the ODOT land. But nothing was ever provided. I personally spoke with ODOT personal, Guy Mamack, at least 3 times asking them to provide trash service for their tenants. I spoke with the Kaitlyn Klepzig

with the city of Corvallis to get trash service set up for those folks. I spoke with Carol Gordon and Todd Easton with the city about how we can get ODOT to act by enforcing city health code violations that were happening in my back yard. All of these individuals wanted to help but cited temporary laws/orders that prohibited anything from being done.

I do not support the reestablishment of not holding the city and state accountable for providing essential services to their tenants. I do not support a motion that allows the city and state to abscond their duty to provide essential service to their tenants. I do not support the motion that seeks to stop the efforts to relocate people that should not be living where they are currently living.

Sincerely,
Dan Rockwell

-----Original Message-----

From: Suzanne Stultz <sstultz30@icloud.com>

Sent: Saturday, July 17, 2021 9:42 AM

To: Mayor and City Council <MayorAndCouncil@corvallisoregon.gov>

Subject: Sweeping of Corvallis camps

Mayor and Corvallis City Councillors,

My name is Suzanne Stultz, and I live at 2390 NW Rolling Green Drive (Apt. 67), Corvallis. I am writing to express my concern over the renewed sweeps of camps where unhoused people are living and sleeping. The optics of houselessness are no more appealing to me than to most citizens, but I strongly believe that a policy of “Out of sight, out of mind” is neither humane nor practical. I ask that at your July 19 meeting you support Councillor Maughan’s motion to end the sweeps and work with community partners to create sanctioned and supported camping.

I wish that I were wise enough to create a solution to the problem of houselessness that would satisfy everyone. At least, I can ask that you end the practice of displacing and scattering the vulnerable population in our area.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Stultz

Via voicemail July 19, 2021, 8:58 am

Hi,

This is the number I was given to give you my opinion on the homeless situation in Corvallis. I am all for what the town is doing now because I think it was out of control with homeless people everywhere. I do think we need to figure out a solution to the problem, but I don’t know how that’s going to work out. So, I am glad you guys are doing what you’re doing, and cleaning up all the messes that are everywhere.

Thank you,

Michele Adams
Corvallis

From: Shauna Wilson <shaunawilson@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, July 19, 2021 9:49 AM
To: Mayor and City Council <MayorAndCouncil@corvallisoregon.gov>
Subject: vote no to the no sweeping of illegal camps motion

Mr. Mayor and Members of City Council,

Ward 2 neighborhoods have suffered the consequences of the illegal campsites allowed through the pandemic. Ward 2 Neighborhoods and downtown has experienced safety issues, thievery, infestation of rats from trash and human feces near our homes, along with drug paraphernalia along our streets and parks. It is a relief that the illegal campsites are cleaned up and our neighborhoods and downtown are becoming safe and viable again. It takes a toll on livability in a neighborhood when enforcement of city ordinances is relaxed.

Please refer to the following documented city ordinances that were not enforced:

[5.03.080.080.02 - Illegal Camping](#). It is unlawful for any person to camp in or upon a public right-of-way, park, sidewalk, alley, street, under any bridge, or any properties owned by the City of Corvallis.

[Section 5.03.080.080 - Camping illegal on public property and public rights-of-way.^{\[1\]}](#)

[Section 5.03.080.040 - Human waste.](#)

[Section 5.03.080.070 - Nudity.](#)

[Section 5.03.080.030 - Harassment.](#)

[Section 5.03.080.020 - Violent conduct.](#)

It is not in the best interest for the city of Corvallis to return to not enforcing the laws, but to hold steadfast to these livability ordinances. **No sweeping of illegal camps should not be a motion that is before the city council**, but instead begin planning to implement recommendations from the HOPE organization and maybe revisit lost opportunities. I still do not understand why the city did not take Richard Krone up on his generous offer to build a transitional location. Leverage Jen Butlers small house managed camps with other churches. Also, the city leaders could talk to the Corvallis apartment owners to provide subsidized family housing.

Charles Maughan has not come to my neighborhood to ask us about the homeless impact or any other issue. I do not believe Charles Maughan represents the best interests for Ward 2; therefore, **I ask you Charles Maughan to resign as Ward 2 councilor** – we would be better off with no voice than your voice on the council. Ward 2 needs help from the other councilors – please **vote no to the no sweeping of illegal camps motion**. We should not allow illegal camps. We should spend the limited funds on forward thinking solutions and recommendations from the HOPE organization.

Shauna Wilson
Corvallis Ward 2

From: Traber, Biff <Biff.Traber@corvallisoregon.gov>
Sent: Saturday, July 17, 2021 9:00 AM
To: Mayor and City Council <MayorAndCouncil@corvallisoregon.gov>
Subject: Fwd: NextDoor post re Council reconsideration on homeless camps

FYI

Biff Traber
Mayor, Corvallis

From: Curtis Wright <cwright@thewrights.org>
Sent: Friday, July 16, 2021 9:17:36 PM
To: Shepard, Mark <Mark.Shepard@corvallisoregon.gov>; Traber, Biff <Biff.Traber@corvallisoregon.gov>
Subject: NextDoor post re Council reconsideration on homeless camps

Gentlemen:

Ms Holly Shutta recently posted a community-wide request on NextDoor asking people to sign a petition that the Council stop posting (and clearing) homeless camps; in support of the reconsideration Councilor Maugham requested.

I thought it might be helpful for the Council to read the range of comments by community members in response to beg request; especially if Ms Shutta presents a petition to the Council.

I believe the more fully informed elected representatives are, the better will be the decisions they make.



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**Dan Whitaker** · Brooklane

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I do think we need to clean up campsites.

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**Dale Styles** · Willamette Landing

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Yes!!

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**Michael McCusker** · CoHo / Southtown

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Double triple quadruple YES!

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**Kathy Corjasso** · College Hill

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How high should we let the trash pile up? Will that be the next debate on the agenda?

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**Dale Styles** · Willamette Landing

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Exactly

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**Holly Shutta** · Tunison Park

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The trash will just pile up at the next location.
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The trash will just pile up at the next location. The resources being used to clean up camps, over and over again, could be better spent providing dumpsters and port-o-potties at a designated location.

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Laura Iverson · Brooklane

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It is a difficult situation but it is not good or healthy for anyone to continue to let illegal camps pop up wherever and I am in favor of removing them. I was wondering about "designated areas" as an interim step, like when they had all the camping in the parking lot at pioneer park.

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Kathy Corjasso · College Hill

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I haven't heard... How did that work out?

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Jackie King · Mohammed

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Kathy Corjasso

As far as I know it was dismantled because no insurance company would cover it.

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thank you

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My understanding is they do have alternate housing for them (metal in south Canellie & tiny



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**Bela Brenton** · 53rd St

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My understanding is they do have alternate housing for them (motel in south Corvallis & tiny houses). The issue is most will not go.

Be sure to familiarize yourself with the entire issue before taking this suggested action. There are already groups who are helping those who are willing to accept the help. You probably are unaware that so many of them reject this assistance. (edited)

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**Holly Shutta** · Tunison Park

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You are partially correct. There is a motel in S Corvallis that is being used to house some of them, there are also several micro shelters around town. There are still over 100 people on a waiting list for housing.

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**Bela Brenton** · 53rd St

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Holly Shutta that's what I was trying to remember - micro-shelters. I know of at least 2 locations & I believe more are in the works to be approved.

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**Garry P.** · Tagent

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I agree it is a difficult situation and as stated most won't take advantage of alternative options. Perhaps supporters could consider mini camps in



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**Kahy (K) Derrig** · Grand Oaks

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Perhaps Ward 2 Maughan will lead by example and welcome several to his family's property? Better yet, how about Corvallis sue the city of Eugene for handing out one-way bus tickets to Corvallis?

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**Michael McCusker** · CoHo / Southtown

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Agree completely. Those who want to help the homeless can take one or two of them into their homes or yards. But having the entire city suffer the consequences of people who destroy themselves and their environment does not help anyone. In addition, placing a bunch of homeless together simply creates people who are better at being homeless. It does not appear to help them make the choices that would lift them out of their situation. It's a complicated problem, but we should not allow the wanton disregard for societal norms any longer.

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**Paul Rentz** · Brooklane

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P Paul Rentz · Brooklane ...

Michael McCusker We tried that years ago and it didn't work out well at all- another relative tried to help and they too had to end the relationship before they could not find their backyard and get sued by the neighbors for all the trash that was there- a REAL mess!

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M Michael McCusker · CoHo / Southtown ...

Paul Rentz exactly! And the homeless "advocates" know this...yet somehow we're supposed to be ok with allowing this kind of destruction on a city-wide level?

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T Teresa Riddle · Linus Pauling ...

Wasn't there a post just a week or so about the gentlemen who decided to be nice and let a homeless man camp in his back yard shed? His neighbor now hears arguments coming from the neighbor's back yard and watches meth deals going on constantly? Waking up to arguing in the middle of the night? They were trying to figure a way out of the mess and take care of all of the trash and stolen items piling up in the back yard...

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**Pat Mohr** · CoHo / Southtown ...

I agree that we continue posting and removing campsites. They are unsanitary. There are many



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**Pat Mohr** · CoHo / Southtown

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**Will Reid** · Technology Loop

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provide porta potties and trash cans where ever they set up.

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**Pat Mohr** · CoHo / Southtown

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There are porta-potties and a city build restroom. When we walked on the bike path before the camps were removed, a man camping next to a cement column under the overpass showed no shame and peed on the cement column in front of us. Just think of what happens at night if this behavior happens in the morning light.

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**Shelley Ries** · Lincoln School

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thank you for sharing this Holly. We've got to stop posting the camps and start helping our neighbors

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**Bela Brenton** · 53rd St

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There's lots of help but most won't accept.

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**Holly Shutta** · Tunison Park

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**Holly Shutta** · Tunison Park

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Thanks Shelley, please share it with your circles.

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**Holly Shutta** · Tunison Park

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To be clear, the intent of this petition is not to stop posting the camps indefinitely. It is simply to stop posting until the city and county can come up with a place or places where camping will be allowed. Posting camps does not stop unhoused people from camping, it just pushes them farther and farther away from services, and often into more dangerous situations for them and the community. Having a campfire in wooded areas in a drought, could result in untold tragedy, for example.

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**Bonnie Windham** · 35th and Harrison

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Hi, please submit written testimony, or come give community comments at the July 19 City Council meeting:

<https://www.corvallisoregon.gov/mc/page/council-meetings>

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**Freda Okerson Chinn** · Rivergreen

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**Bonnie Windham** · 35th and Harrison

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No one is suggesting we ignore the situation. We are suggesting we stop causing additional harm and wasting City resources on these sweeps, until we've got a viable alternative for where people can go. Otherwise we will keep wasting taxpayer money on these sweeps that are ineffective as a long term solution. Being unhoused is impossible enough to escape without being constantly uprooted when everyone knows that wherever they go is just going to be posted next.

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**Carrie Hardie** · 35th and Harrison

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**Barb Bang** · CoHo / Southtown

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Illegal campers have to take SOME responsibility for themselves. The very least they can do is keep their camps tidy and clean, both for the sake of the environment and their own sake, but they don't. The items that are removed are nasty! There is nothing else that can be done with them except destroy them.

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**Bonnie Windham** · 35th and Harrison

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**Bonnie Windham** · 35th and Harrison

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What looks like "nasty" items to housed folks are often the only possessions an unhoused person has. Whether it's blankets, foam padding, or sentimental items. It's hard to keep things clean when you're sleeping in the dirt. As far as personal responsibility for keeping things tidy: 1. That would be much easier, and less costly for the City, if there were a specific camping area with a dumpster and garbage collection available. 2. I think it's important to remember that most of these folks are veterans, retired mill workers, and kids who have been kicked out by their families. A significant number of them also have physical disabilities. Constant sweeps make it harder to keep things clean, not easier.

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**Jan Morley** · Springhill

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**Marla Crane** · Linus Pauling

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Yes! Let's get to the root, the mental health and addiction problems. Some people need to be in a supervised facility (not jail) for their own good and the good of society. Throwing money and sympathy at them is not the solution.

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**Bonnie Windham** · 35th and Harrison

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Yes, all their things are destroyed. They come in with tractors and loaders and everything is just scooped into a dumpster. Tents, belongings, everything. The City and ODOT employees are verbally abusive to the camp residents. Oh, and ODOT uses prison labor for their sweeps, which means incarcerated people are sometimes being forced to destroy the camps of friends and acquaintances. The whole operation is just unnecessarily cruel. (edited)



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**Bela Brenton** · 53rd St

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FYI the prison labor is NOT forced. It is a volunteer opportunity for them. I know it makes the story better, but it's just not true.

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**Matt Davenport** · Springhill

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Unless they are a veteran or have kids and aren't illegal get the f out. Good job

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**Delfina Hoxie** · Springhill

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Wow! A lot of heartless comments here. Breaks my heart. We must have alternatives for the homeless. They are human beings.

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There are many different and complex reasons for being unhoused. Many different solutions are required.

My question is what are the churches doing? Corvallis has so many church buildings that could provide a bridge sanctuary to social services. My understanding is churches do not pay taxes because they do so much social good. Please demonstrate that caring with assistance to these people.

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**Sharon Reilly** · SW Broadway/Queen

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Larry Mitchell As does N.Albany.

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**Gabi Ford** · Technology Loop

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Like others have stated, many of the homeless I work with don't want to live in shelters or other housing provided. They want to stay off the radar. They are not interested in your solution - but would take some money from you to continue their chosen lifestyle, which does not include spending any money on rent or utilities. Hard truth.



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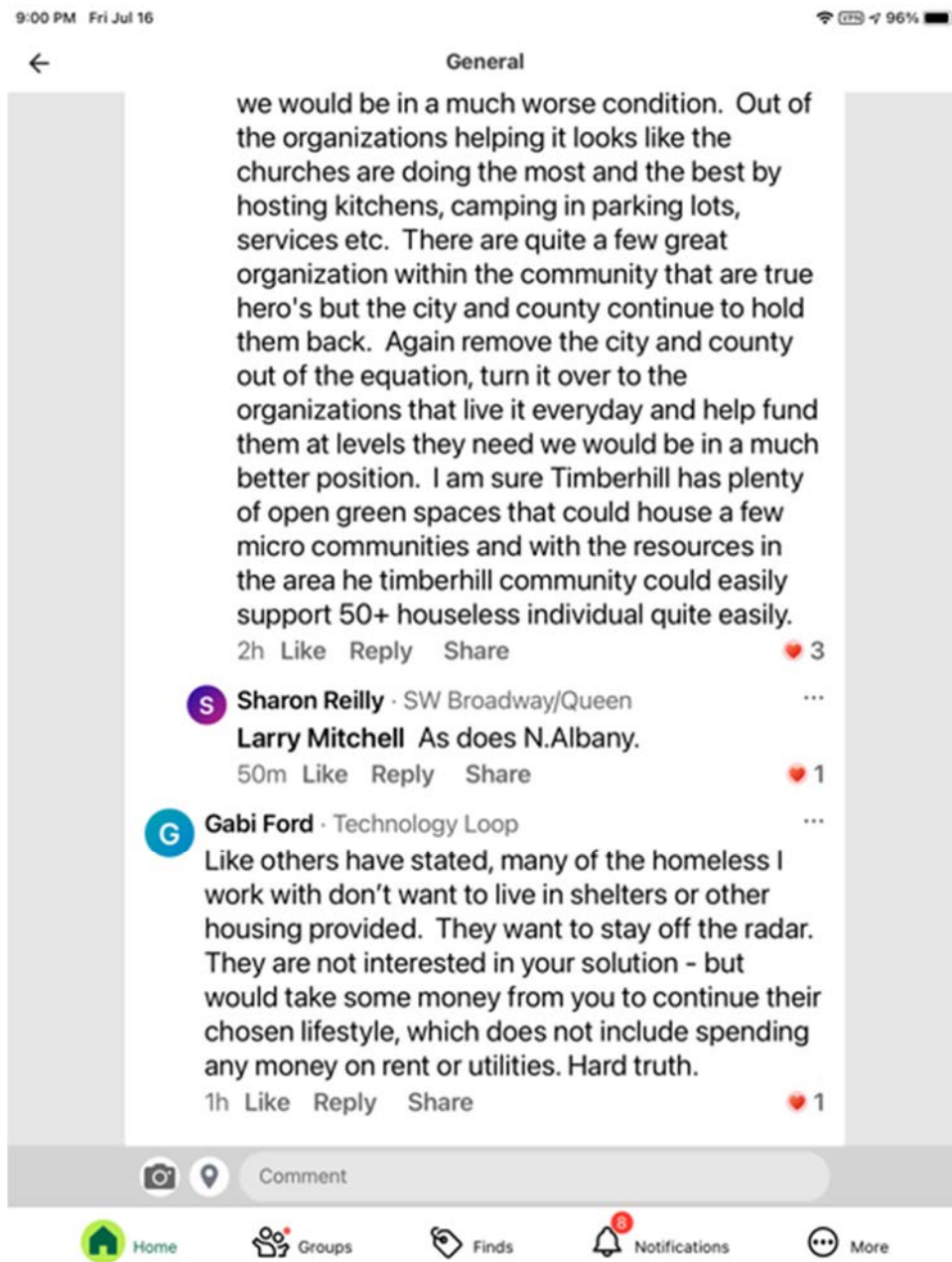
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From: Jeff Igelman <jeff.igelman@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, July 18, 2021 10:39 AM
To: City Manager <City.Manager@corvallisoregon.gov>
Subject: Thanks for cleaning up the camps

Hello Mr. Shepard,

I wanted to thank you and your team for taking on the challenging task of cleaning up the homeless camps. I know homelessness is controversial issue but allowing illegal camping on ODOT and City property does not provide a long term solution.

Keep up the good work!

Jeff Igelman
Corvallis Oregon

From: Mark and Kristi <kmedwards2@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, July 19, 2021 11:40 AM
To: Mayor and City Council <MayorAndCouncil@corvallisoregon.gov>
Subject: Homeless Camps

Dear Mayor and City Council

My husband and I would like to express our concerns on the homeless camps. We understood during the pandemic why people were allowed to camp. But the mess was disgusting and an eye sore for Corvallis. We would like you to please continue to post and clean out areas where the homeless are living. We both grew up in Corvallis and do not want this to be like Salem or Portland.

We live near Willamette Park and are tired of the homeless still living there. We feel it is not safe to go for walks and take our dogs there. There is garbage on the trails, feces (not from animals) and we have found syringes. Our dog has actually gotten very sick from the park so now we watch her very closely in the off lease area. We pay taxes to enjoy our parks in Corvallis not to have these taken over by the homeless. We think it is very unfair to have the city parks department and ODOT clean these camps. The amount of garbage is horrendous and hazardous.

On July 7th around 6 am we had to call the non-emergency police number to report a fire in Willamette Park near the community garden. There were 2 homeless people that had built this fire with flames that were about 4 feet tall and there was a slight breeze that morning as well. These 2 were dragging fallen limbs and branches and throwing on top of the fire. One good spark could have caught the grass on fire and the trees in the park. I had a hard time convincing the dispatch officer that the fire was not in a fire ring and that there are no fires allowed. I was very frustrated as I felt they did not want to deal with this at all. Eventually a fire truck showed up and put the fire out.

We have also had to deal with RVs and vehicles parked on streets in our neighborhood that again creates lots of garbage. We have called the parking department, but again felt like they did not want to deal with this.

So please continue to clean the parks and camps. We would like to enjoy the parks and be safe.

We also have a suggestion that you invite these people in your neighborhood and see what we are talking about. Maybe you could work with the state legislation and come up with a plan to help the homeless that want help and those with mental illness.

We would like to thank the Parks Department for all their help in this. It has not been an easy task for them.

Mark and Kristi Edwards

From: robyn.m.vega@soapcreekent.com <robyn.m.vega@soapcreekent.com>
Sent: Monday, July 19, 2021 12:44 PM
To: Mayor and City Council <MayorAndCouncil@corvallisoregon.gov>
Subject: remove unmanaged homeless camps

Dear Mayor Traber and City Council members,

I would like to add my voice to the people who are in support of removing unmanaged homeless camps in Corvallis. In particular, I am opposed to unmanaged camping in parks and business areas. I realize that there is a great need for affordable housing and for supportive services such as medical care, mental health, substance abuse and more. I am in support of treating everyone with dignity and I am also in favor of providing supported housing with services. The number of homeless people is growing and the array of difficulties they face is complex. It appears unlikely that the City of Corvallis will have the resources to address these problems without support from state and federal governments. Allowing unlimited camping without access to restrooms, garbage service, meals, mental health services and substance abuse support is detrimental to Corvallis. Please continue with projects such as the conversion of motels and the possibility of managed camps. Also, please continue to remove the camps and the associated waste. The livelihood of Corvallis depends on it.

Thank you,
Robyn Vega

From: Shelley Ries <spur848@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 19, 2021 12:46 PM
To: Holzworth, Carla <Carla.Holzworth@corvallisoregon.gov>
Subject: Stop posting the camps

I strongly support councilor Maugham's proposal. Until we have a viable solution to the homeless camps we must let them stay in place, with support and controls (garbage pickup, sanitary places) to help these unfortunate neighbors of ours

Shelley
541-972-0961

From: Shepherd, Gabe <gabe.shepherd@corvallisoregon.gov>
Sent: Monday, July 19, 2021 1:00 PM
To: Mayor and City Council <MayorAndCouncil@corvallisoregon.gov>
Subject: Fw: Upcoming Meeting on Homeless Sweeps

Testimony from a Ward 4 resident about tonight's agenda item.

From: Norse Estimating <estimating@norseironworks.com>
Sent: Monday, July 19, 2021 12:33 PM
To: Shepherd, Gabe <gabe.shepherd@corvallisoregon.gov>
Subject: Upcoming Meeting on Homeless Sweeps

Gabe,

As part of your ward, I wanted to share my input on the upcoming meeting concerning whether to continue sweeping the homeless camps. Please share these comments with your fellow councilors as you see fit. This letter is yours.

I will summarize first before droning on.

1. I support the continued aggressive cleanup of camps and enforcement of the no camping in parks, riparian areas, bikeways and sensitive areas.

2. I support the establishment of one or more organized campsites. I want City to continue pursuing and not give up because of insurance roadblocks.

Now time to elaborate.

Point #1.

Since the city and ODOT started cleaning the camps, you and council have received a surprising amount of spoken testimony in opposition. I read someone said “shame on you” or something to that effect about sweeping the camps and leaving them be. This is excessive in my opinion. You have a tough job and do not deserve this sort of outspoken backseat driving. Please know that are many that support your efforts and know that an outspoken few do not speak for the majority.

My problem with the testimony is one of equity. I agree with their testimony that compassion is deserved. I admire the limitless compassion that the Community Church Pastor has hosting a camp and speaking in favor of no sweeps and continued compassion.

I have lost my compassion. And the reason is simple. For decades, a third of this city has borne the homeless. For decades Wards 2, 3 and 4 have been asked to host these camps, deal with the garbage, the screaming, the petty theft, vagrancy, trespassing and general unease. As I write this, I look out my window at a camp in Pioneer Park that stretches down to the river. I have a pile of garbage in my garage cleaned up from my property that will not fit in my garbage container. I guess that is a trip to the dump that I must pay. I find this frustratingly unfair.

So, my proposition is simple. Keep sweeping until every ward has a camp and the city bears this physical responsibility together. Until then, no more pauses because of “compassion” or “injustice”.

Point#2.

For years we thought the path to end homelessness was housing. We were wrong. There will always be a segment that simply wishes to live outside or follow the minimal rules of tent living. That’s fine, but then we need to meet them halfway. We provide the campground; they live on it and out of the natural areas. To meet them halfway you and City need to figure out the insurance element. So keep pushing the City to do just that. Do not stop. Because once we have a campground then we can sweep them into the campground and according to the current sentiments, that would be fair for everyone.

Best,

Matteo Smullin
1221 SW 15th St. The old Radio Station.

From: Napack, Jan <jan.napack@corvallisoregon.gov>
Sent: Monday, July 19, 2021 1:22 PM
To: Mayor and City Council <MayorAndCouncil@corvallisoregon.gov>
Cc: Shepard, Mark <Mark.Shepard@corvallisoregon.gov>; Holzworth, Carla <Carla.Holzworth@corvallisoregon.gov>; Bilotta, Paul <Paul.Bilotta@corvallisoregon.gov>
Subject: Fw: Comment on Homelessness Issue

Forwarding comments from a Wars 1 constituent.

Jan Napack
Ward 1 Corvallis City Council
541-745-5335 (mobile / text)

From: Marge Popp <mpopp1435@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, July 19, 2021 1:17 PM
To: Napack, Jan <jan.napack@corvallisoregon.gov>
Subject: Comment on Homelessness Issue

Hi Jan,

This email is prompted by the articles in the GT over the past week about the city councilor meetings and deliberations on leaving the homeless in place.

I feel that we, especially those of us in South Corvallis, have dealt with the homeless very much in our faces for over a year now. The SAGE community garden has been hit with many more thefts than normal. There are car break ins reported near my neighborhood (Birdie) continually in Nextdoor. I no longer leave my car parked in the driveway overnight. I feel that we have done enough.

The filthy and garbage-strewn campgrounds that our city employees have been forced to clean up has only exacerbated my impatience and annoyance at enabling these folks who appear to be absolutely thankless and hostile to the attempts of our community to assist them.

I have lost patience with this issue and just want it to go away. While I have sympathy for those who have been displaced by the unfair distribution of wealth in our society, I find it difficult to believe that those are the folks who left behind the disaster areas that camps close to our neighborhood turned into.

I don't know how to solve this problem, but continually enabling those who have no consideration for others and do not see the need to look after themselves does not seem like a winning proposition.

Marge Popp
1435 SW Birdie Dr

From: Stephanie Cyr <steffcyr9@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 19, 2021 1:50 PM
To: Mayor and City Council <MayorAndCouncil@corvallisoregon.gov>
Subject: No unmanaged camps.

So Councilor Charles Maughan wants to discontinue posting and cleaning up homeless camps "until city and/or county staff can present to council options for a designated camp site or sites." How long will it take to present those options? Will he then ask to wait once again until the options are discussed endlessly and possibly implemented? For the last year, residents of Corvallis were told allowing unmanaged camping was so that homeless were not dispersed during covid. Now he has another excuse. Frankly as a resident of Southtown I am disgusted by his apparent lack of concern for the citizens of this city. I personally have had to slam on brakes to avoid homeless illegally running or biking across highway 99. I have been subjected to groups drinking, carrying large sticks, screaming, cursing and blocking the walking paths and sidewalks while trying to bike or walk Downtown. I'm tired of the endless piles of garbage and filth allowed to accumulate along the rivers and the graffiti everywhere under the freeway. It has been wonderful seeing so many people out riding and walking again these past few weeks, including the group at the BMX park who are cleaning and improving the area for their children to enjoy. I'm very aware something needs to be done to house the homeless, but turning Corvallis back into the disaster it was until sometime in the future is not acceptable.

Stephanie Cyr

From: Kerry Hanson <kerry97330@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 19, 2021 3:48 PM
To: Mayor and City Council <MayorAndCouncil@corvallisoregon.gov>
Cc: dianey1@comcast.net
Subject: Homeless Camp Clean Up

Greetings,

My wife and I want to express our appreciation for the homeless camp clean up effort that has been undertaken by the city recently. As long time residents, voters, and property tax payers living in south Corvallis we see the positive changes downtown and are going there to shop and dine more frequently now.

We expect that you will hear a lot from very vocal advocates, but the vast majority of homeowners in our neighborhood support the current policy and it's important that you understand that.

Thanks for your time,

Kerry Hanson and Diane Young
2822 SE Park Place
Corvallis, OR 97333

From: Notification.Services@corvallisoregon.gov <Notification.Services@corvallisoregon.gov>
Sent: Monday, July 19, 2021 5:40 PM
To: Holzworth, Carla <Carla.Holzworth@corvallisoregon.gov>
Cc: Shepard, Mark <Mark.Shepard@corvallisoregon.gov>; Rollens, Patrick <Patrick.Rollens@corvallisoregon.gov>
Subject: PUBLIC INPUT - In favor of NO CAMPING rule enforcement
RECEIVED: 7/19/2021 5:40:11 PM
NAME/ADDRESS: Jim Richard Baumgartner, 4240 SW Fairhaven Dr., Corvallis
CONTACT (if any): jim.baumgartner@gmail.com; 541-740-8189
TOPIC: In favor of NO CAMPING rule enforcement
MEETING DATE: 7/19/2021

I regularly work with the homeless in our community, especially long-term homeless men. I wonder if our city councilors, especially the councilor from Ward 2, have ever listened to the homeless--actively listened for 30 minutes or more. I even wonder if all those that are on the HOPE committee have done so. I work with volunteers who have served the homeless for decades and they DO NOT actively listen to the people they serve. And the people they serve know to tell the "old ladies what they want to hear."

Because I truly listen to the homeless in our community, I am rightfully scared to allow my children to use the PUBLIC parks and pathways in our city. I am grateful to whomever is responsible for cleaning up the homeless encampments along the bikepaths and parks. For the first time in two years I felt like it was safe for my kids to ride their bikes to Avery Park.

I am outraged that the city council has yet to realize that every single one of their efforts to add more government bureaucratic layers to the multi-faceted homeless issue only makes the problem worse--every single time. Every time the city council and the UNELECTED HOPE committee meet, they crap all over the rights of the residents of Corvallis. NO, A TRANSIENT FROM ELSEWHERE IS NOT A RESIDENT!!!!!! They should be charged an occupancy tax! Your efforts for a government solution create a great deal of enmity where there need not be any.

The people of Corvallis want to help the homeless. It would be a lot easier if the government would get out of the way. Leave it to the churches and non-governmental groups to figure it out. If 1% of Corvallis "adopted" a homeless person each year. we would not need the government. Too many committees, not enough action!

ENFORCE NO CAMPING RULES. The homeless need some structure. Letting them remain indefinitely in public spaces is absolutely the wrong thing to do. You hurt Corvallis and you really hurt the people you say you want to help.

Sincerely,
Jim R. Baumgartner

From: Notification.Services@corvallisoregon.gov <Notification.Services@corvallisoregon.gov>

Sent: Monday, July 19, 2021 6:18 PM

To: Holzworth, Carla <Carla.Holzworth@corvallisoregon.gov>

Cc: Shepard, Mark <Mark.Shepard@corvallisoregon.gov>; Rollens, Patrick
<Patrick.Rollens@corvallisoregon.gov>

Subject: PUBLIC INPUT - Homeless camp clean up

RECEIVED: 7/19/2021 6:18:06 PM

NAME/ADDRESS: Cheryl Finkenbiner, 765 NW Beaver Place

CONTACT (if any):

TOPIC: Homeless camp clean up

MEETING DATE: 7/19/2021

I was pleased when the city council announced and began to clean up the homeless camps in our parks and public spaces. These camps are a health hazard and unsightly to those of us who would like to use the parks and public spaces. It does not feel safe to take our families to these venues while the encampments are there. I am very upset that clean up has halted. Our parks and public spaces were not created and funded for camping or as semi permanent housing sites. I am hoping that the city council will vote to resume clean up to keep our city safe, healthy and clean for residents and their families.

From: Our Revolution Corvallis Allies <joinorca@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 19, 2021 10:17 AM
To: Mayor and City Council <MayorAndCouncil@corvallisoregon.gov>; Holzworth, Carla <Carla.Holzworth@corvallisoregon.gov>
Subject: Petition to council - Re: Posting of camps

Mayor and Council,

Attached you will find a petition, in support of the July 5th motion, to "rescind the council's previous motion to resume posting and cleaning of camps, until city and/or county staff can present to council options for a designated camp site or sites."

In 5 days we have collected over 200 signatures and a number of comments.

As you can see our community supports this motion and a need to treat the unhoused members of our community with compassion, dignity and respect.

Our Revolution - Corvallis Allies (ORCA)

Mission - To engage our community in local political action to create a society that works for everyone.



Our Revolution--Corvallis Allies and the following community members support the motion that was brought forward at the July 5th City Council meeting. The motion made by Ward 2 Councilor Charles Maughan; **"I move to rescind the council's previous motion to resume posting and cleaning of camps, until city and/or county staff can present to council options for a designated camp site or sites"**




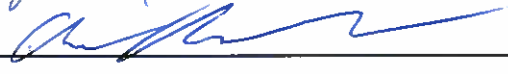



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Name	City	State	Postal Code	Country	Commented Comment
Sandra Oliver-Poore	Salem	OR	97301	US	7/15/2021 "It's humane and humanly necessary to have transition plans in place for homeless people. I recognize that it's a huge problem but Willamette Valley must solve this problem."
Heather Bishop	Corvallis	OR	97330	US	7/15/2021 "Displacing people is not a long term solution. We need to do better."
david jackson	Corvallis	OR	97330	US	7/15/2021 "As a homeless individual I have had to deal with the consequences of being forced to move from a location where I was not supposed to be. I have on many occasions expressed interest in helping Corvallis and Benton county work towards solutions. But those in government have ignored me. I currently reside at safe camp, with my wife and this has kept us safe from this type of activity. I am fed up with what Corvallis continues to do to those like me who have nowhere really to go."
Tali Ilkovitch	Corvallis	OR	rrrrrrrr	US	7/15/2021 "Sweeps are cruel and inhumane."
roberta smith	corvallis	OR	97330	US	7/15/2021 "tent campers are people too!"
Debra Carriere	Corvallis	OR	97330	US	7/15/2021 "It is a willful act of cruelty to destabilize people with threats of "posting" camps /bulldoze camps and to not offer an improved situation in the aftermath. The City of Corvallis chose to bulldoze camps the day before three days of 113F, a life threatening heatwave. Zero death count conducted, zero accountability for City and ODOT. That "clean up" in a heatwave should not have been conducted, especially without a comprehensive plan to protect displaced persons during a global pandemic. There is no protocol for tallying houseless persons who die directly related to their housing status or acts taken against them due to their status; just another way we in Corvallis "clean up." Let's all support those who are working tirelessly to shelter and care for our most vulnerable citizens. Debra Carriere"
Cynthia Merten	Corvallis	OR	97330	US	7/16/2021 "How would you feel if someone came with a dumpster, threw all your worldly belongings in it and drove away, telling you to get out? The term is not "clean up". The correct term is "forcibly destroy and remove"."
Roberta Hall	Corvallis	OR	97330	US	7/16/2021 "I believe people need to have a safe place to stay!"
Chris Poklemba	Corvallis	OR	97333	US	7/16/2021 "Try to imagine how much less stress there would be in the life of the homeless with a safe camp to reside at. Try."
Susan Christie	Corvallis	OR	97330	US	7/17/2021 "We desperately need to provide a place where people can go to be safe."
ellen storm	Corvallis	OR	97333	US	7/17/2021 "This is an extreme violation of human rights...We are called to love and help our neighbors"
Karen Herold	Corvallis	OR	97330	US	7/17/2021 "The camp sweeps are cruel."
Sammy Storm	Corvallis	OR	97333	US	7/17/2021 "I am signing with all these other people to underscore the letter I sent you this week. SAMMY STORM"
George Hutchinson	Corvallis	OR	97333	US	7/18/2021 "Houseless people need someplace to sleep. Corvallis needs a permanent houseless area where folks can pitch their tent and/or park their camper/truck/car and have a sanitary place to use the bathroom and have a trash bin. for their refuse."

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Catherine Stearns	Corvallis	OR	97330	US
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Angela Bowers	Albany	OR	97321 US
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Dalton Richard	Beaumont		77701 US

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Walter Canavan	Lincoln		2865 US
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Kayla Mace	Salt lake city		84106 US
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Justin Truong	San Francisco		94112 US
Ened McNett	Seattle	WA	98198 US
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Roboty Fanboy	Staten Island		10308 US
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Natalia Bliege	Torrington		6790 US
Eduardo Laborin	Tucson		85706 US
briana vargas	Upland	CA	91786 US
Kylee Russell	Utah		84101 US
Jess Roxriguez	Valrico		33594 US
Halil Ahmetovic	Waterbury		6704 US
Caleb Berg	Worcester		1604 US
Leslie Newton	Wylie		75098 US
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Sent: Monday, July 19, 2021 7:26 PM
To: Mayor and City Council <MayorAndCouncil@corvallisoregon.gov>
Cc: Shepard, Mark <Mark.Shepard@corvallisoregon.gov>; Bilotta, Paul <Paul.Bilotta@corvallisoregon.gov>
Subject: Councilor Report - Napack 7/19/2021

1. Thanks to Mayor Traber for making some very fitting and effective appointments to the advisory bodies!
2. Very pleased with the city's intended purpose for the Cascades West COG Economic Resiliency and Recovery Grant and for its intended purpose of developing a business portal website .
3. I compiled the testimony regarding the motion (see below) to stop posting and clearing camps. This data reflects the huge volume of testimony and the depth of controversy.

Data - Emails to Council, two petitions from *Our Revolution* – *Corvallis Allies*, and the Next-Door excerpt forwarded by C. Wright. Dates: 6/29/2021 through 7/19/2021 3:50 PM

EMAILS TO COUNCIL: approximately 92

Of these:

- 43 (47%) were unique, individualized letters in favor of continuing cleanups; four of these were from three downtown neighborhood associations (Avery-Helm, Central Park, Avery Addition)
- 12 (13%) were unique, individualized letters opposed to continuing cleanups
- 32 (35%) opposed cleanups (letters assumed to be from a single entity given their FB format)
- 5 (5%) offered neutral, yet helpful, commentary

PETITIONS TO COUNCIL (Our Revolution- Corvallis Allies): approximately 187 non-duplicated electronic signees, plus 55 non-duplicated, hand-signed names

Of the 187:

- 95 (50%) were from out of state
- 77 (40%) were Corvallis residents
- 19 (10%) were from other Oregon communities (Albany, Philomath, Portland, Salem)

Of the 55 hand-signed signatures, place of residence was not provided (assumed local)

NEXTDOOR: 27 unique individuals, representing roughly 17 NextDoor nodes

- 15 (55%) favored continuing campsite cleanups
 - 5 (18%) were neutral (e.g. offered solutions)
 - 5 (18%) were neutral but from other Oregon communities (Adair, Albany, Tangent)
 - 2 (7%) were against continuing cleanups
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